

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 3, 2018

Judicial Ditch #12 B&R Teleconference
April 3, 2018 @ 8:15 a.m.

A teleconference meeting was held on April 3, 2018 at 8:18.

Representing Brown County were: Commissioners Simonsen, Potter and Windschitl, Drainage Inspectors Lang and Stevens, Auditor-Treasurer Prochniak, and Gail Bode Administrative Assistant.

Representing Redwood County were: Commissioners Walling and Groebner, Drainage Inspector Brent Lang, A-T Price, Environmental Director Wold and Administrator Knobloch. Commissioner Potter was elected chair to conduct this meeting upon a motion from Commissioner Windschitl, second by Commissioner Simonsen. Motion Carried.

Wayne Stevens, Drainage Inspector presented two quotes for a clean out on JD 12 B&R located in Burnstown and North Star Townships. 28,278 feet of open ditch is being proposed for clean out. Two bids were received from 27 contractors that were offered the opportunity to provide quotes.

Motion by Commissioner Windschitl to accept the low bid of \$47,507.04 from Rickert Excavating. Second was made by Commissioner Simonsen. Motion Carried.

Project is scheduled for completion by June 1st.

There was no other business and the meeting was declared adjourned by Commissioner Potter. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, Bob VanHee, Dennis Groebner, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud, Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Highway Engineer Keith Berndt, Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; County Attorney Jenna Peterson and Ditch Inspector Brent Lang.

Chair Salfer called the Meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board Members to identify any areas for which they had a conflict of interest. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

- March 20th Board minutes.
- Payment of bills.

Revenue Fund	\$ 166,274.08
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,479.86
Building Fund	\$ 68,017.11
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,124.41
Insurance Fund	\$ 154.93

- Out of State Travel for Joseph Sanow to Houston, TX for a Drug Court Professional Conference to be paid by Southwest Drug Court.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$93,414.43.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agency Agreement 1029828 with MnDOT.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Van Hee, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Redwood County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board Chair and County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Redwood County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1029828,” a copy of which said agreement was before the Redwood County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set the letting date of 5-16-18 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 064-599-111 and SAP 064-599-112.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Annual Highway Report.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board approved the annual equipment rental rates and the equipment rental rate charged to other government entities.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board approved an amendment to the GWL Gravel Contract for an extension to crush and stockpile 21,000 tons of gravel to October 1, 2018 due to wet weather conditions.

COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 8:54 a.m., Chair Walling entered into a Public Hearing for a petition filed by Adam Guetter to outlet into Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer, Walling, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price, County Attorney Peterson, Environment Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Petitioner Adam Guetter, Ditch Viewer Jim Weidemann, Landowners Carl Guetter, Mike Zimmerli, Margie Buckley, Kevin Eisenmenger, John Remiger, Dave Remiger.
- Jean Price indicated in accordance with Statute requirements that the notices of the public hearing was published for three consecutive weeks in the Redwood Gazette (official paper), Wabasso Standard, the Standard-Gazette & Messenger and Lamberton News, posted on the county website, on the bulletin board and the front doors of the Government Center. All interested landowners were mailed notification of the public hearing as well.
- Petitioner Adam Guetter presented plans of an outlet into Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36, for approximately 3.81 acres in the West ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 16 in Vail Township, which currently is designated to drain into CD 90 LAT A.
- Ditch Viewer, Jim Weidemann, presented on the Viewer's Report for parcel #71-016-2020. Weidemann arrived at a benefit value of \$103.00 for one benefited acre in the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 16 Vail Township and an outlet fee of \$460.62. He arrived at a benefit value of \$150.00 for 3 benefited acres in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 16 Vail Township and an outlet fee of \$670.80.
- Chair Walling directed Knobloch to read publicly a signed Petition received on March 29, 2018 from 21 landowners of Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36 stating the petitioner should not be allowed access to Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36 as it is already running at capacity and would overload an already full system.
- The Ditch Authority then accepted public testimony. Landowners Mike Zimmerli voiced concern of entering into a different watershed. Kevin Eisenmenger also voiced concern with the different watersheds. John Reminger was concerned with a culvert and asked questions why an alternate route wasn't considered. Carl Guetter explained the reasons why this route was taken. Dave Reminger also voiced concern with entering a different watershed and the precedent the Board was making.
- Chair Walling called for further public comments three times. Chair Walling closed the hearing to public comment.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, to approve the Petition filed by Adam Guetter. After further questions, Groebner rescinded his motion.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Petition filed by Adam Guetter with the condition that the tile will be a 6" tile and only drain subsurface water and the most southern 25' must consist of non-perforated pipe with a 4' above the surface breather pipe, not to allow the intake of surface water and ordered the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be presented to the Ditch Authority on April 17, 2018.
- The Public Hearing for Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36 was closed at 10:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:13 a.m.

COUNTY DAY PROCLAMATION

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

County Day Proclamation**Redwood County**

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,400 Minnesota Senior Corps Volunteers provided more than 1.7 million hours of service in 2017. Redwood County was served by 2 AmeriCorps State members, and 464 Senior Corps RSVP volunteers in 2017. The Senior Corps RSVP volunteers perform their volunteer service work under the guidance of A.C.E. of SW Minnesota – Redwood County office. These volunteers provide vital support to county residents and improve the quality of life in Redwood County, and

WHEREAS, as a County Commission, we work hard every day to make life better for our constituents, and strengthening the spirit and commitment of the volunteers who serve our county is just one of our many goals. We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier, and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 3, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Sales Order Agreement for Minnesota Jurisdiction acquiring ES & S Equipment.

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Healthcare Savings Plan AFSCME Union Memorandum of Understanding.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation/retirement of Linda Roehrl effective 4-12-18 and thanked her for her 31 ½ years of service to Redwood County.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to hire Craig Rixmann as Full-time Custodian 1 for the Building Maintenance Department effective April 16, 2018 at Grade 6, Step 4 of the AFSCME Salary Schedule at \$14.62/hr. due to prior experience.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to hire Sarah Hoky as Full-time Child Advocacy Coordinator effective April 4, 2018 at Grade 11, Step 2 of the Non-Union Salary Schedule at \$20.33/hr.

CLOSED SESSION

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of real estate considerations pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Groebner, Salfer, Walling and Van Hee, County Administrator Knobloch, County Attorney Jenna Peterson and Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme and Highway Engineer Keith Berndt. Closed session ended at 11:24 a.m.
- Parcel #88-200-1200, Parcel #88-005-1070. No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling: Building Committee, Ordinance Meeting, Southwest Health and Human Services, Water Retention Project Meeting

Groebner: Building Committee, MN Valley Regional Rail Authority, Ordinance Hearing, Solar Farms, Rural MN Energy Board, Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Ordinance Meeting, Child Advocacy, Western Mental Health, MAP Steering Committee

VanHee: MN Transit Investment, Southern Prairie Community Care, Child Daycare Meeting

Forkrud: Advocate – Connect – Educate (A.C.E.), Southwest Health and Human Services, Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator