

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

December 3, 2019

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 Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, and Dave Forkrud. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons, Environmental Director Scott Wold; Planning and Zoning Nick Brozek; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang; Crime Victim Services Coordinator Denise Kerkhoff; Adam Barka of Christensen Farms; and United Community Action Coordinator Cathleen Amick and Moore Engineering Representative Rich Slagle.

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

On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised 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 Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve to approve the consent agenda.
  - November 26, 2019 Board minutes
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 21,081.55
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,136.09
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 119.80
Insurance Fund	\$ 265.58
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 520.00
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 800.00

- Bills totaling \$2,000: Renville County \$47,566.17; Fleet Service \$5,821.44; Peterson Company \$4,500.00; Kerkhoff Brothers \$2,645.60; M & K Bridge \$2,600.00; Northland Erosion \$30,363.45; Sando Weed & Brush 4,285.00; MN Board of Water & Soil \$29,619.50.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement with Mathiowetz Construction for the Cottonwood River Dam Projects.
- Discussed setting a standard reduction in benefits on permanent easements after redetermination of benefits. No action taken.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

- An application for an Animal Confinement Feedlot, Conditional Use Permit #15-19, filed by Christensen Farms for a 3,300 head swine feedlot on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12, Twp 110N, Range 37W, Waterbury Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #15-19 with (16) conditions that included the final condition of planting a tree line on the property.

**VETERAN CEMETERY**

- The Purchase Agreement with Robert LaSage was tabled to the January 7, 2020 board meeting.

**CRIME VICTIM SERVICES**

- Kerkhoff presented a yearly Crime Victim Services program update.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- The Board tabled the Service and Management Control Agreements with Minnesota IT Services to the December 17, 2019 board meeting.
- Directed Parsons to put a hold on the Fiber Project in the Government Services Building.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the United Community Action Partnership Agreement, not to exceed \$8,500.
- The Board tabled the Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Agreement to the December 17, 2019 board meeting.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Dahl Farms Lease Agreement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Kerkhoff Listing Contract for the sale of the former Highway Shop.

*Personnel*

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Professional and Technical Services with Steve Gramstad for drug testing services.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Professional and Technical Services with Amber Tissue for drug testing services.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to hire Brenda Batzlaff as a Property Appraiser effective December 4, 2019 on the 2019 Union Scale, Grade 11, Step 1 at \$20.17/hour.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- The Board entered into closed session at 10:32 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration, Parcel #88-200-1200. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer, Van Hee, Groebner, Walling, County Administrator Knobloch, and County Attorney Jenna Peterson.
- No action taken.

**RECONVENE**

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:40 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to follow the Association of Minnesota’s recommendation to delay payment to the Department of Human Services for cost share that was improperly calculated from 2014-2018 until after the 2020 Minnesota Legislative Session if this issue is not resolved by other means.

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator