

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 6, 2021

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Dennis Groebner, Rick Wakefield, Bob VanHee, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud, Administrator Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher, County Engineer Anthony Sellner, Environmental Director Scott Wold, Ditch Inspector Brent Lang, Administrative Assistant/Ditch Technician Lali Ortega, Ditch/Ag Technician Matthew Mumme, Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown, Restorative Justice Coordinator Eric Johnson and Stonebrooke Engineer Mike Holstein.

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 April 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> board minutes.
  - Payment of bills.

General Fund	\$ 142,374.28
Building Fund	\$ 240,863.90
Ditch Fund	\$ 1,697.35
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 192.56
Insurance Fund	\$ 612.19
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 2,696.75
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 217.78

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000.00:** MN State Auditor \$12,825.00; Nyhart Company \$2,500.00; Smith & Johnson \$3,750.00; Election Systems \$3,867.50; Morris Electronics \$5,109.60; Government Forms & Supplies \$2,315.66; AT Scene \$3,025.00; Renville County \$24,236.60; Cellebrite \$4,300.00; Fleet Services \$6,518.70; Galls \$2,061.39; Ramsey County \$5,216.00; River Valley Forensic \$2,000.00; Redwood County Ag Society \$36,000.00; Chappell Central \$145,671.10; Contegritty Group \$21,773.49; Ford Metro \$24,443.50; G & R Controls \$24,871.00; Meier Electric of Marshall \$9,567.40; Northwest Drywall \$7,041.40; Sussner Construction \$5,596.54; Estebo Frank & Munshower \$2,696.75.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$140,967.62.
  - Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: American Engineering Testing \$3,417.00; Bolton & Menk \$19,083.50; Cottonwood County \$12,483.02; Crysteel Distributing \$2,872,61; Erickson Engineering \$5,909.50; Farmward Cooperative \$13,877.80; Little Falls Machine \$5,770.11; MN Transportation Alliance \$2,647.00; Newman Signs \$5,373.10; North Central International \$3,483.13; Oertel Architects \$4,363.80; Redwood Tire Service \$2,750.00; Staples Oil Company \$17,655.31; Widseth, Smith & Nolting \$24,280.97; Ziegler Inc. \$3,211.43.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to award excess Motorola XTS Radios to the following bidders:

Name	Bid Amount
Wanda Fire Department	8 Radios at \$50.00 each
City of Franklin	10 Radios at \$100.00 each
Redwood Falls Fire Department	3 Radios at \$100.00 each

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment of \$8,227.21 to Mathiowetz Construction for SAP 064-617-031 for a culvert replacement on CSAH 17.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final of \$13,957.41 to Riley Brothers Construction for SP 064-610-031 for CSAH 10 bridge replacement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment of \$169,973.77 to Duininck, Inc. for SAP 064-606-035 for CSAH 6 overlay.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment of \$11,695.96 to Duininck, Inc. for SAP 064-601-015 and SAP 064-701-026 for CSAH 1 and CSAH 101 overlays.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Braun Intertec for Professional Geotechnical Engineering services on CSAH 6 pavement rehabilitation projects pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Stonebrooke Engineering for construction inspection services for 2021 and 2022 pavement and bridge rehabilitation projects pending County Attorney approval.
- A Road and Bridge work session was set for April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Wold notified the Board that Redwood County was recently awarded \$8,344,591.00 in disaster assistance for various Redwood County Drainage Systems for the flooding events in 2019.
- Wold notified the Board on the progress of the 2018 Disaster progress with FEMA.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Plum Creek Park Farmland Lease Agreement with Dennis Hemish for 8.1 acres at \$225.00/acre, ending December 31, 2021.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to amend the Plum Creek Park Policy to not allow campers to store their RV's in the park over the winter months.
- Wold updated the Board on the special taxing district for a water retention project in Springdale 19.
- A work session was set for 4-20-21 at 1:00 p.m. to provide a general overview of Zoning and Ditch.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNTY DITCH #12  
REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY**

- At 10:00 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority for the Public Hearing for a Petition for an outlet on County Ditch #12.
- Wold presented the Affidavit of Publication. Present were Redwood County Commissioners Wakefield, Forkrud, Salfer, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch-Kletscher, Environmental Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Ditch Technician Matthew Mumme, Administrative Assistant/Ditch Technician Lali Ortega, Ditch Viewers Mark Behrends and John Thompson, Petitioner Dave Anderson and Eric Anderson, Richard Rohlik, Bonnie, Dean and Carolyn Huhnerkoch, Hilton Huhnerkoch and Randy Huhnerkoch.
- Petitioner Dave Anderson presented the plans for the outlet.
- Mark Behrends presented the Viewers Report and Explanation of a one-time outlet fee of \$150.00 per acre.
- Chair Wakefield opened the Public Hearing for public comments:
  - Dean and Randy Huhnerkoch expressed concerns that too much pressure was being put on CD #12 with an additional outlet.
  - Eric Anderson explained they are trying to improve drainage on the 2" rains to prevent crop damage, not the 7+ inch rains. A letter was submitted that an 18" outlet was recommended.
  - Ditch Inspector Lang feels the ditch has adequate outlet for the 2" rains to get excess water off the land with the 18 inch outlet being proposed.
  - Dean Huhnerkoch stated that if this is approved, a bridge or culverts need to be added on CH #6
  - Commissioner Salfer stated that we have three options and if the outlet is adequate, we need to approve the petition.
- Chair Wakefield asked for any further comments. No further comments were offered and the public comment period was closed.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Petition for an outlet on CD #12 with recommendations set forth by the Ditch Viewers.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to direct Environmental Director Wold to prepare the Findings and Order for CD #12.
- Director Wold informed Landowners present that they have 30 days to appeal the Findings and Order.
- Chair Wakefield declared the Ditch Authority Public Hearing adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, in a 4-1 vote with Forkrud voting nay, the Board approved an Out of State Travel Request for Eric Johnson to travel to Denver, CO for a Willka Hampi Workshop on April 22 through April 26, 2021 at no cost other than wages to the County.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Redwood Falls and Redwood County.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge Change Order #4 for Northwest Drywall in the amount of \$440.00 for the Government Services Building Project.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Minnesota Use Agreement-4H.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Spring Newsletter.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Solid Waste Assessments abatements on Parcel #68-028-2020 in the amount of \$68.00 and Parcel #62-008-3060 in the amount of \$68.00.

*Personnel*

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Paycom Pre-Employment Screening Agreement pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Nationwide Indexed Principal Protection Plan pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to hire Isaiah Kubesh as full-time Deputy Sheriff on the 2021 LELS Licensed Officers Salary Schedule at Deputy 1, Grade/Step 2 at \$23.41/hour due to experience effective April 7, 2021.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to hire Cortez Arrendondo as full-time Deputy Sheriff on the 2021 LELS Licensed Officers Salary Schedule at Deputy 1, Grade/Step 2 at \$23.41/hour due to experience effective April 7, 2021.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to re-hire Kerstin Karels as part-time Dispatcher at Dispatcher Grade/Step 2 of the 2021 LELS Non-Licensed Salary Schedule at \$19.44/hour effective April 7, 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- The Board entered into Closed Session at 12:00 p.m. in the MN West Learning Center in the Government Center for the purpose of a client-attorney privilege issue per MN Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 1. Present for the discussion were Commissioners Wakefield, Groebner, Van Hee, Forkrud and Salfer, Administrator Knobloch-Kletscher, Environmental Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Ditch Technician Matthew Mumme, Attorney Kurt Deter, Bolten & Menk Bill Helget and Yellow Medicine County

Commissioners Greg Renneke, Glen Kack and Gary Johnson and Drainage Inspector Chris Belfany.

- No action taken. Closed Session ended at 12:36 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Groundbreaking for Justice Center

VanHee: Southern Prairie Community Care, Minnesota Regional Rail Authority

Groebner: Groundbreaking for Justice Center

Forkrud: ACE

Wakefield: Southwest Health and Human Services, Plum Creek Library Board, Rural MN Energy Board, Regional Radio Board, Springdale Water Retention Project, Area II/RCRCA, Congressman Hagedorn, Soil and Water Management Meeting

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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