

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 20, 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 Bob VanHee, Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner, Rick Wakefield and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher. Also present were Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Highway Engineer Anthony Sellner; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Recorder Joyce Anderson; Assessor John Thompson; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Child’s Place Coordinator Sarah Reynolds and Baker Tilly Representative Doug Green; Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank Char Graff; United Community Action Angela Larson, Lori O’Leary and Sarah Cater; Worthington HRA Randy Thompson and Deb Thompson; SW MN Continuum of Care Justin Vorbach and Women’s Rural Advocacy Mandy Herbel.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 20th 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 Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - April 6, 2021 minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 53,518.52
Ditch Fund	\$ 28,482.36
Building Fund	\$ 1,100.00
Soil & Water Fund	\$ 12,279.50

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: A.C.E. of SW MN \$8,049.25; G & R Controls \$7,354.25; Advanced Graphix \$2,252.00; MEND Correctional Care \$4,042.83; Redwood County Hwy. Dept. \$2,819.73; Tersteeg’s Holiday Market \$6,858.84; Mark Behrends \$3,296.46; Yellow Medicine County \$19,879.06; TNT Construction \$28,482.36; Tim Doubler \$11,371.00

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized B.J. Labat, Sheriff’s Department, and Tammy Blaine, Veteran Service Office and Extension Office, for 15 years of service to Redwood County.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Van Hee, Salfer, Forkrud and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Redwood County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No.64591; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$323,853.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Agreement between the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation for SAP 064-598-025 in the amount of \$323,853.50 with matching funds required by Redwood County in the amount of \$59,811.70.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-598-025, CR 68 Bridge Replacement, to M & K Bridge Construction in the amount of \$383,665.20.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
M & K Construction	\$383,665.20
Everstrong Construction	\$397,640.00
Structural Specialties, Inc.	\$494,001.10
Duininck, Inc.	\$912,220.54

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and Administrator to sign the awarded construction contract with M & K Construction for CR 68 Bridge, SAP 064-598-025.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-601-016, SAP 064-701-022 and SAP 064-701-027 construction projects to Central Specialties Inc. in the amount of \$2,942,784.03.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Central Specialties Inc.	\$2,942,784.03
Knife River	\$3,116,686.18
Duininck, Inc.	\$3,186,235.65

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the awarded construction contract with Central Specialties for the overlays on CSAH 1 and CSAH 101, SAP 064-601-016, SAP 064-701-022 and SAP 064-701-027.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve to post to hire a Senior Engineering Technician in the Highway Department.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application for a Conditional Use Permit #2-21 for an animal confinement feedlot filed by Brian Johnson on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: SE ¼ of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, Twp. 109, Range 39, Springdale Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #2-21 with (16) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application for an Extractational Interim Use Permit #3-21 filed by Brian Kletscher for a gravel pit to mine 6.5 acres on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: SW ¼ of Section 22, Twp. 112N, Range R38W, Vesta Township. On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #3-21 with (13) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund; Human Services Fund; Building Fund; Ditch Fund; Ditch Bond Interest Fund, Solid Waste Fund; Health Fund; Debt Service Fund; Insurance Fund; Soil and Water Conservation District Fund.
 - March Disbursements in the amount of \$856,796.70.
 - Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Preferred One \$3,470.43, \$63,905.89, \$17,892.13, \$26,703.27, \$32,854.29, \$6,807.69, \$22,953.54, \$23,661.97, Great Plains Natural Gas \$3,338.52; Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$3,336.28; Further \$7,789.60, \$7,789.60; BCBS of Minnesota \$2,218.50; MN Dept. of Revenue \$29,062.55; Redwood County License Center \$2,721.00; MN Commission of Finance \$4,950.00; Sun Life Financial \$2,251.49; American Legion Post 267 \$10,000.00; American Legion Post 286 \$10,000.00; American Legion Post 309 \$10,000.00; American Legion Post 38 \$10,000.00; Backroads Bar & Grill \$10,000.00; Barb's hair Studio \$7,829.00; Baune's Catering \$10,000.00; Belview Bar & Grill \$10,000.00; Bob's Baseball Tours \$10,000.00; Brokaw Supply \$13,869.97; Busiahn Family Shelter Trust \$3,300.00; Calf Fiend Café \$10,000.00; Fitness Revolution \$9,746.00; G3 Quad Freestyle \$10,000.00; Hair Company \$10,000.00; HIS Barbershop \$10,000.00; Ryan/John Holmberg

\$3,400.00; Kaufenberg Enterprises \$10,000.00; Kelly's School of Dance \$10,000.00; Knott's Corner \$10,000.00; Lamberton Lanes \$10,000.00; Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum \$10,000.00; Leach Brothers \$3,300.00; Midwest Identity Scan \$10,000.00; Morgan's Deli & Catering \$10,000.00; Nellie's \$10,000.00; Oasis Bar & Grill \$10,000.00; Past & Present Treasures \$5,410.00; Redwood County VFW \$10,000.00; Rustic Acres \$10,000.00; Sisily Boutique \$5,410.58; Stacy's Style & Sun \$7,000.00; Vesta Bar \$10,000.00; Vintage Vinyl, Toys and Games \$5,410.00; Wilder Pageant Committee \$10,000.00; Delta Dental \$4,366.43; Sun Life Financial \$2,252.91; Zimmermann Maintenance \$4,207.50; Duininck Inc. \$8,730.54, \$201,262.06.

- The Board acknowledged the Confession of Judgment, Parcel #68-025-4020, C.N. Reed Ockwig.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Budget Adjustment #5 to align with the actual revenue or expenditures.

UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a 4-1 vote with Groebner voting nay, the Board approved the request to supplement Section 8, HUD Housing in the amount of \$3,553.60 to be funded through the EDA Budget.

SHERIFF

- The Board reviewed the March 2021 jail population and Sentence to Serve Quarterly report.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$100.00 FROM SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC.

WHEREAS, SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC., wishes to donate \$100 to Redwood County Sheriff's Department and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department will utilize the donation of \$100 for the purpose of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Schwartz Farms, Inc. in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff's Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100 from Schwartz Farms to Redwood County Sheriff's Department, on behalf of the County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lead for Minnesota Fellow Contract pending County Attorney approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ArcGIS Enterprise to ESRI in the amount of \$19,117.00, server equipment from Morris Electronics in the amount of \$26,164.07 and the service contract for the initial set up of ARC Enterprise to Sixis mapping in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a total cost of \$55,281.07 for the set up and implementation of Arc Enterprise.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 11:59 a.m. the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority.
- Present were Redwood County Commissioners Wakefield, Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud, Administrator Knobloch-Kletscher and Environmental Director Wold.

County Ditch #12

- Wold presented the Findings and Order for CD #12.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Wakefield, Salfer, Forkrud and Groebner all voting aye, the Board voted to approve the Findings and Order for CD #12.

County Ditch #40

- On motion Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Petition for a partial abandonment of CD #40 filed by Robert Wetmore.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to set a Public Hearing for May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the Petition for Abandonment of CD #40.

County Ditch #47

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Wakefield, Salfer, Forkrud and Groebner all voting aye, the Board voted to approve the Findings and Order for CD #47 for Partial Abandonment and Rerouting filed by Scoates and Nelson.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Wakefield, Salfer, Forkrud and Groebner all voting aye, the Board voted to approve the Findings and Order for CD #47 for Partial Abandonment filed by Duetz
- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared Redwood County Ditch Authority adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

CHILD'S PLACE

- Reynolds presented an update for the Child Advocacy Program.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

RECOGNITION DAY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE 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 elected leaders are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism to engage their residents and help tackle their greatest needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities; they help our nation recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, educate students for 21st Century jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, respond to natural disasters, and support veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors participants serve in more than 40,000 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, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County was served by 415 AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers in 2020. The AmeriCorps Seniors 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, AmeriCorps shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 6, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2021, 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.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge Change Order #003 for Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$966.00, Change Order #006 to Sussner Construction in the amount of \$2,912.68 and Change Order #007 for exterior lights in the amount of \$1,361.00 for the Government Services Building Project.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tobacco License for Rudra Morgan, LLC.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Liquor License Renewal for TMB Sports Club.

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to supply an additional \$100.00 petty cash for the License Center to allow each staff to open a cash drawer for transaction purposes.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Amanda Jungers of Full-time Dispatcher effective April 27, 2021.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to transfer Kerstin Karels from part-time Dispatcher to full-time Dispatcher effective April 28, 2021.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to hire Theodore Cromwell 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 May 3, 2021.

BAKER TILLY

- Green presented information on bonding for the Courthouse Security Project and Highway Construction Projects.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS

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

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual assault is widespread and has public health implication to every community member of Redwood County, MN; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment will impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that 39 percent of Indigenous women will be subjected to sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault In Indian Country and to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in our community, such as MN Indigenous Women's Society, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Redwood County, MN through prevention, education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County, MN strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about

what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence in Tribal Country.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff’s Dept, Redwood County, MN, do hereby support April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Tribal Country.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lower Sioux Indian Community Public Safety Director, Morton, MN, do hereby support April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Tribal Country.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County Commissioners, Redwood County, MN, do hereby support April as Sexual Assault Month in Tribal Country.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lower Sioux Indian Community, Morton, MN, Chairpersons do hereby support April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Tribal Country.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Groebner: Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Highway Work Session, Soil and Water Conservation District, Paxton Township Meeting

Salfer: Highway Work Session, Economic Development Zoom Meeting, Nurse Family Partnership, Southwest Health and Human Services

VanHee: Restorative Justice, Economic Development Zoom Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Highway Work Session

Wakefield: Highway Work Session, Lyon County/JD #15 Meeting

Forkrud: Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Planning and Zoning, Highway Work Session

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher
County Administrator

Jim Salfer, Board Chair
Board of County Commissioners