

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2011**

Chairman Dick Wambeke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Commissioner Greg Renneke was absent. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

**Approve Agenda 4-12-11-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Drainage and Land Use Inspector position description approval to the consent agenda; add Excel Energy dam update to other business; add the March 2011 investment report to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 4-12-11-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 22, 2011, County Board meeting; Canby Golf Club, Inc. consumption and display permit; Resolution #07-2011 appointing Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2012; Office of Justice Programs grant application for Restorative Justice; Drainage and Land Use Inspector position description and pay grade classification as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health, Area II and the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie 5, Historical Society annual meeting, SW Initiative Fund annual meeting; County annual weed meeting, RDC and the Transportation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Historical Society annual meeting, Safe Communities Coalition and the Fatal Review Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on the Chemical Health Coalition, Regional Radio Board and Pioneerland Library.

**Department/Program Updates**

**Recycling Update** Lyon County Environmental Administrator Paul Henriksen gave an update on Yellow Medicine County's recycling program and services. Yellow Medicine County will be having an appliance, electronics, fluorescent bulbs and tire collection event on Saturday, May 7 in Canby, Clarkfield and Granite Falls.

**Extension Update** Trisha Sheehan, Michelle Molden Ascherman and Virginia Wilson with the UM Extension gave an update on Extension's programs and services.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:27 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

**Regular Agenda**

**MCIT Annual Report** Bruce Casey with MCIT presented the 2010 MCIT insurance annual report.

**Fairgrounds Mowing Bids 4-12-11-03** One bid was submitted for mowing the County fairgrounds and horse arena in 2011. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the bid of \$139.00 per mowing submitted by Brad Lueders. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business**

**Excel Energy Dam** Administrator Krosch informed the Board that Granite Falls Energy, LLC was working with local legislators to introduce legislation that would put a 12 month moratorium on the removal of the Excel Energy Dam. The legislation would also request state funds to do a study on the cost of the dam removal and the cost to replace the dam with alternative structures. These state funds would need to be paid through a local unit of government. The Board suggested Chippewa County be contacted about handling any funds received since Granite Falls Energy was located in Chippewa County.

**Informational** The February 2011 investment report and annual report on taxes levied and collected was reviewed by the Board.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 4-12-11-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$132,974.39 Revenue Fund, \$29,151.86 Road and Bridge Fund, \$4,914.45 Ditch Fund, \$79,163.02 Human Services Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Adjourn 4-12-11-05** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Dick Wambeke, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer