

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:40 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 8-26-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Veterans Service and Emergency Management Departments to the Department Reports and remove Restorative Justice Department; add special County Board meeting on September 2 to the Regular Agenda; add Primary Canvas Board appointments, City of Hanley Falls request to use the Machinery Museum property and change of County Board meeting times to Other Business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 8-26-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the August 12, 2008, County Board meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Antony reported on Pioneerland Library, Technology Committee and ISC. Commissioner Wambeke reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Homes. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Planning Commission and MVRRA. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie 5, Restorative Justice, Prairie Waters, RDC and MNRAAA. Commissioner Sherlin reported on a meeting with Global Winds Harvest Inc., a company looking to construct wind turbines on the west end of the County.

Department Reports:

VSO/EM Director Michelle Gatz gave an update on the Veteran's Services Office and Emergency Management Department.

Regular Agenda:

Relocation of County Museum 8-26-08-03 Yellow Medicine County Museum Board Chair Jan Peterson and other Museum Board members presented a recommendation to the County Board to relocate the museum to property located near MN Highway 23 and County Road 39. County Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz reviewed grant possibilities for relocating the museum. A lengthy discussion followed on the cost to the County for moving the museum to this site. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to apply for hazard mitigation grant funds to relocate the museum with the relocation site being the recommended location near MN Highway 23 and Co. Rd. 39. Motion failed with Commissioners Remiger and Wambeke voting in favor and Commissioners Antony, Johnson and Sherlin voting against. The Museum Board was asked to come back in a month and identify additional funding they could come up with to help offset the County's cost for relocating the museum.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:13 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Conditional Use Permit YM-485-08 8-26-08-04 County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-485-08 for Kvistad Farms, Inc., Echo, to expand their existing turkey feedlot with the construction of a 64' x 368' brooder barn and a 76' x 400' grow-to-finish barn to replace an existing 60' x 272' brooder barn and an existing 60' x 208' grow-to-finish barn. This site is located in part of the southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter (SW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 20 in Sioux Agency Township. The Planning Commission recommended no conditions. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve conditional use permit YM-485-08 for Kvistad Farms, Inc. as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lois Bonde Permanent Employment Status 08-26-08-05 Administrator Krosch informed the Board that Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde has satisfactorily completed her one year probationary period and was recommending she be appointed to permanent employment status effective September 1. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde to permanent employment status effective September 1. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Cell/Smart Phone Policy 08-26-08-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Policy 702 – Cell/Smart Phone Policy as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Attorney's Office Addition 8-26-08-07 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to schedule a special County Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Board Room to consider the final plans for the Attorney's Office Addition, call for project bids and set a bid date and time. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2009 Budget and Levy 8-26-08-08 Administrator Krosch presented the draft 2009 budget and preliminary levy to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to increase the 2009 preliminary net levy by 9.9% for a total preliminary gross levy of \$8,309,907. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business:

Primary Canvas Board Appointments 8-26-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to appoint Commissioners Wambeke and Antony to the 2009 Primary Election Canvas Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Machinery Museum Commissioner Remiger informed the Board that the City of Hanley Falls would like to use the Machinery Museum property for an event.

Change of County Board Meeting Time 8-26-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and

second by Commissioner Johnson to change the starting time of County Board meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month to 12:00 p.m. rather than 12:30 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 8-26-08-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$23,315.57 Revenue Fund, \$5,345.68 Road and Bridge Fund, \$1,760.00 Construction Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The Board reviewed the July 2008 jail report.

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

Adjourn 8-26-08-12 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer