

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014**

Chair Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 10-14-14-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda with the following addition: add approval to advertise the replacement of the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Manager to Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 10-14-14-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: September 23, 2014 County Board meeting minutes; 2014 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement in the amount of \$7,872; consideration of permanent status; wage adjustment for employee; approve resignation of Kevin Schwerin, Deputy Sheriff; approve replacement of Deputy Sheriff position; approve hiring of Kevin Schwerin as part-time Deputy Sheriff; approve termination of probationary employee; approve replacement of Parks Director/Equipment Operator; additional appropriation requests; DNR grant for Len's Supper Club demolition in the amount of \$9,300; Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement with SWCD; contract between the Chemical Health Coalition and Prairie's Edge Casino Resort for the purpose of renting a room for the Youth Leadership Training; approval to advertise the replacement of the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Manager. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Sharon Hendrichs, Restorative Justice Coordinator, updated the Board on the President's Award that they will receive on October 23, 2014 from the Minnesota Corrections Association.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Berends reported on Pioneerland, Prairie Waters, Safe Communities, Hazard Mitigation, Southern Prairie, truancy meeting, Labor/Management Committee, broadband meeting, MNWest meeting and Nurse Partnership. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Countryside Public Health, RCRCA, Area II, Canby DAC and Soil & Water Conservation District. Commissioner Renneke reported on HRA and City of Echo buildings. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, MACAC conference, Chemical Health Coalition, Canby DAC and Phase IV meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on RDC, Hazard Mitigation, 6W Community Corrections, Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Southwest Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership.

Administrator Heglund reported on information to be put in the Commissioner folder, thank you from Reach out for Warmth project, retirement and advertising for the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank River Watershed District Manager and Yellow Medicine River Watershed Board of Managers term expiration.

Broadband 10-14-14-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a \$500 payment to the UMRDC to write a grant for a feasibility study regarding Broadband access in the five county area, including Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department/Program Updates

Lois Fenske, Fair Board, gave a presentation.

Melissa Caruth and Dawn Hegland, UMRDC and Prairie Waters, gave a presentation.

Open Public Hearing 10-14-14-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to open the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. to set the ditch levy for the Ditch Funds for 2015. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Public Hearing 10-14-14-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Ditch Levy 10-14-14-06 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin (passed gavel to Vice Chair Renneke) to approve the levy for ditch projects. Information regarding the increases is available from the Yellow Medicine County Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-554-14, Christensen Farms Midwest, LLC 10-14-14-07

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-554-14 for Christensen Farms Midwest, LLC, Sleepy Eye, MN to expand an existing feedlot by constructing a 102' x 570' confinement barn to house 2,304 head of swine (921.6 animal units). After expansion, the feedlot will consist of 2,264 animal units. Manure storage will consist of a 102' x 570' x 10' concrete pit under the barn. The project will also consist of a 72' x 101' x 10' primary concrete manure storage area for the existing barns. The site is located in part of the northwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter (NW¼ SW¼) of Section 35 in Tyro Township T-115-N R-42-W in the Rural Preservation Management District. A conditional use permit is required for the expansion of an existing feedlot over 500 animal units.

Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Conditional Use Permit YM-554-14 for Christensen Farms Midwest, LLC with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must use feed additives and/or pit additives to control odor.
2. Applicant shall work with the Yellow Medicine County SWCD to design a plan and plant two rows of trees to create a windbreak for the proposed barn.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Partial Payment Request 10-14-14-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the partial payment request for Brey Tiling & Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$180,287.86 for CD 1B, Lateral M. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 11:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 10-14-14-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$206,482.74 Ditch Fund, \$66,588.90 Revenue Fund, \$43,039.35 Road & Bridge Fund, \$131,210.30 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Clarkfield Food Shelf 10-14-14-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a \$2000 donation to the Clarkfield Food Shelf. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. (lunch and tour at Project Turnabout).

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

John McNamara, Wold Architects, gave a presentation on the Justice Center.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Adjourn 10-14-14-11 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:17 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Louis Sherlin, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator