

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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, Greg Renneke, 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 Phillip Bock.

Approve Agenda 3-8-11-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following changes: add liquor licenses for the Greendoor Steakhouse & Sports Bar and a resolution declaring a state of emergency for spring flooding to the consent agenda; add Courthouse roof repairs and Law Enforcement Center boiler repairs to other business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 3-8-11-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the February 22, 2011, County Board meeting; letter of support for a Canby walking trail grant application; addendum to Family Based Services contract; Greendoor Steakhouse & Sports Bar Sunday, on- and off-sale liquor licenses effective for one year beginning March 16, 2011; Resolution #05-2011 declaring a state of emergency in order to prepare and do advanced measures for the spring flood event of 2011. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Antony reported on the SW Radio Board. Commissioner Wambeke had no reports. Commissioner Renneke reported on a meeting with Granite Falls Energy, LLC to discuss removal of the Excel Energy Dam, SWCD, MN Machinery Museum and a flood preparation meeting in Montevideo with Governor Dayton. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Clarkfield Fire Department annual meeting, Area Transportation Partnership, Prairie 5 and 6W Corrections. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and Western Mental Health.

Reports/Updates

County Parks County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom reported on work planned for Timm and Oraas Park.

Regular Agenda

USFWS Habitat Easement 3-8-11-03 Cheri Sloneker with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service was present to request certification for a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service habitat easement on land owned by McLain Partnership. Also present were Frank Durbian and Don Kleven with the USFWS, James McLain representing McLain Partnership, County Assessor Connie Erickson and Martin Grabow representing Florida Township. Ms. Sloneker explained that the USFWS was purchasing a perpetual easement on the McLain's land for wildlife habitat with funds for the easement coming from Federal Duck Stamp sales. Mr. Grabow stated the Township Board was questioning why the assessed value of the land would be reduced after the easement was put in place. County Assessor Erickson explained that the restrictions placed on the land by the easement and the laws in place in Minnesota for assessing property dictate what value is put on the property. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a certification for acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through an easement agreement with McLain Partnership on land, as described and presented, in Section 20 of Florida Township. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Renneke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Veterans Joint Business Venture Program Veteran Services Officer Michelle Gatz reviewed the Veterans Joint Business Venture Program she is working on with other area Veteran Services Officers. The program

would allow Veteran owned businesses to work together to bid on and secure government contracts.

Ditch Inspector Position Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the Hiring Committee had not yet come up with a recommendation for filling the County Ditch Inspector position.

Advertise for 2011 Road and Bridge Projects 3-8-11-04 County Engineer Andy Sander provided a list of road and bridge projects for 2011 that he was requesting permission to advertise for bids. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve advertising for bids on the 2011 road and bridge projects with bid opening scheduled for April 20. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business

Roof and Boiler Repairs Administrator Krosch informed the Board about problems with the roof leaking in the Courthouse and possibly needing to repair the boilers in the Law Enforcement Center.

Informational The February 2011 investment report was reviewed by the Board.

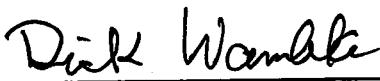
Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 3-8-11-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$51,975.58 Revenue Fund, \$20,321.32 Road and Bridge Fund, \$166.99 Ditch Fund; \$47,095.61 Human Services 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.

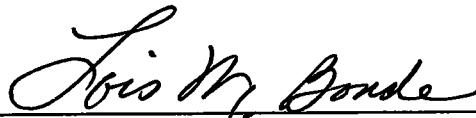
Adjourn 3-8-11-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Dick Wambeke, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer