

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2009**

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:00 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 and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

**Approve Agenda 5-26-09-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following additions: add Porter Fire Relief Association donation to the County Fair, Redwood Cottonwood Rivers joint powers agreement extension, DNR boating safety supplement grant agreement and final payment to Canby bridge project S.A.P 87-597-02 to the consent agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 5-26-09-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the May 12, 2009, County Board meeting with the following correction to those minutes: remove approval of the Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area joint powers agreement from motion 5-12-09-02; changes as presented to the County's policy for revenue recognition and classification of revenues; PSIC grant match letter for the SW MN Regional Radio Board; reappointment of Catherine Thomas to the County HRA Board for a five year term effective June 15, 2009; Resolution 18-2009 accepting gifts for the Fair Board Association from the Porter Fire Relief Association and a related budget amendment of \$100 in revenues and \$100 in expenditures; Addendum No. 1 to the Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area joint powers agreement extending said agreement to September 30, 2009, and authorizing Commissioner Remiger to sign Addendum No. 1; DNR boating safety supplement grant agreement totaling \$11,913.00; Resolution 19-2009 authorizing final payment for project S.P. 87-597-02 (Canby bridge – Custer Ave.) to Commerford Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$16,028.99. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Western MN Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on the MCIT training, county ditch viewings and the County volunteer banquet. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MN Valley Railroad. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the MCIT training, volunteer banquet, Countryside Public Health, Emergency Management Committee and the Cohort Leadership training. Commissioner Antony reported on the Rural Energy Board and Pioneerland Library.

**Regular Agenda:**

**S.P. 87-603-24 (CSAH 3 Bridge) Bids 5-26-09-03** County Engineer Andy Sander presented five bids for project S.P. 87-603-24 to replace a bridge on County Highway 3 east of Canby. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the lowest bid of \$213,639.00 submitted by Kockelman Construction for S.P 87-603-24. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

**S.P. 87-643-03 (CSAH 43) Bids 5-26-09-04** Engineer Sander presented four bids for S.P. 87-643-03 to mill, overlay, shoulder and do pavement marking on County Highway 43 from CSAH

18 to MN TH 67. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the lowest bid of \$826,214.90 submitted by Central Specialties, Inc. for S.P. 87-643-03. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

**S.P. 87-608-24 (CSAH 8) Bids 5-26-09-05** Engineer Sander presented four bids for S.P. 87-608-24 to grade, shoulder, install culverts, mill, overlay and do pavement marking on County Highway 8 from MN TH 67 to CSAH 5. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the lowest bid of \$907,551.70 submitted by Duininck Bros., Inc. for S.P. 87-608-24. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

**S.A. P. 87-624-04 (CSAH 24) Bids 5-26-09-06** Engineer Sander presented three bids for S.A.P. 87-624-04 to bituminous surface and aggregate shoulder County Highway 24 in Clarkfield. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the lowest bid of \$173,272.00 submitted by McLaughlin & Schultz, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-624-04. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

**C.P. 09-03 (CSAH 3) Right-of-Way Payments 5-26-09-07** Engineer Sander presented right-of-way payments for C.P. 09-03 to do a grading on County Highway 3. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve as presented right-of-way payments totaling \$24,549.19 for C.P. 09-03. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Rescind CUP YM-459-07 5-26-09-08** County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation to approve rescinding for Scott Pederson, Echo, MN, his existing conditional use permit YM-459-07 which permitted the construction of a 51' x 328' confinement barn to house 2,000 finishing hogs in part of the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 28 in Sioux Agency Township. Mr. Pederson is also requesting to construct with conditional use permit request YM-493-09 a 51' x 328' confinement barn to house 2,000 finishing hogs. Jacobson stated that it is necessary to rescind permit YM-459-07 otherwise Pederson would need to prepare an environmental assessment worksheet because of the number of animal units he is permitted for. Mr. Pederson was in attendance to answer questions regarding his request. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve rescinding conditional use permit YM-459-07. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**YM-493-09 Confinement Barn CUP 5-26-09-09** County Zoning Administrator Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-493-09 for Scott Pederson, Echo, MN, to construct a 51' x 328' confinement barn to house 2,000 finishing hogs. Manure storage will be a 51' x 328' x 8' reinforced concrete pit underneath the barn. This site is located in part of the northeast one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (NE ¼ NW ¼) of Section 28 in Sioux Agency Township. The Planning Commission recommended one condition. Zoning Administrator Jacobson also recommended the Board consider an additional condition. Mr. Pederson was in attendance to answer questions regarding his request. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve conditional use permit YM-493-09 for Scott Pederson with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must maintain two rows of trees on the north side of the building.
2. Conditional Use Permit YM-459-07 which allows the construction of a 51'x328' confinement barn to house 2,000 finishing hogs in part of the southwest one-quarter

of the northwest one-quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of section 28 in Sioux Agency Township T-114-N R-38-W must be rescinded prior to approval of YM-493-09.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**YM-494-09 Water Treatment Plant CUP 5-26-09-10** County Zoning Administrator Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-494-09 for Upper Sioux Community, Granite Falls, MN, to construct a water treatment plant to condition water for tribal use. This site is located in the northwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 22 in Minnesota Falls Township. This facility is not on tribal land, which is why a conditional use permit is needed. Kevin Jensvold, representing the Upper Sioux Community, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the request. The Planning Commission recommended one condition. Zoning Administrator Jacobson also recommended the Board consider an additional condition. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve conditional use permit YM-494-09 for the Upper Sioux Community with the following conditions:

1. The facility must be surrounded by a fence that adequately secures the property.
2. A Yellow Medicine County sewer permit must be purchased and a subsurface sewage treatment system that complies with current Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080 must be designed and installed for this site by a licensed designer/installer.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

**4-H Foodstand Agreement 5-26-09-11** The Board discussed a request by the University of MN Extension to put into place an agreement between the University and County that explains the terms of use of the 4-H foodstand kitchen. Under the proposed agreement 4-H would retain full control of the foodstand kitchen and decide which third parties could use the kitchen. The Board expressed concerns about giving up control of the foodstand kitchen for rent to third parties during the year. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to not enter into an agreement with the University regarding use of the 4-H foodstand kitchen. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2009 and 2010 County Budgets 5-26-09-12** Administrator Krosch led a discussion with the Board about the completed 2009 State Legislative Session's impacts to the County's budget. In an effort to balance the State of Minnesota's budget over the next two years the Governor will likely reduce county and city state aid payments through a process called unallotment. The anticipated reductions in Yellow Medicine County's state aid and other cuts to state grants the County receives will likely have a significant impact on the County's 2009 and 2010 budgets. Administrator Krosch provided the Board with a timeline for completing the County's 2010 budget. Krosch also recommended a budget committee be created to discuss budget saving strategies that could potentially be implemented to all county departments. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the creation of a County Budget Committee under the committee guidelines that were presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business: None**

**Informational:**

A letter from MN Veterans Affairs regarding benefits received by veterans through the County Veterans Services Office was reviewed.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 5-26-09-13** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$49,170.63 Revenue Fund, \$55,295.20 Road and Bridge Fund, \$4,673.29 Ditch Fund; approval of additional claims totaling \$653.82 to be paid as Auditor's warrants; 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 5-26-09-14** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:31 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Gary Johnson, Chair

  
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Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer