

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 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 3-24-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following additions: add 2009 property assessment values to Commissioner Reports; add County Road 8 and 19 right-of-ways and restorative justice conference request to Other Business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 3-24-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 10, 2009, County Board meeting; 2008 audit engagement letter; appointment of Daniel Lewis as a part-time non-scheduled deputy sheriff. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

County Assessor Connie Erickson discussed with the Board the 2009 property assessment and the reasons for the change in values to agricultural land in the County.

Commissioner Antony reported on the Private Industry Council. Commissioner Wambeke reported on a flood preparation meeting and the AMC Exploration Committee. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Exploration Committee, township board meetings, MVRRA and AMC Legislative Steering Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Restorative Justice Committee, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, agriculture drainage meeting and Prairie 5. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Fair Board.

Department Reports:

County Recorder Kay Zempel gave an update on the County Recorder's Office.

Regular Agenda:

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Board 3-24-09-03 One application was submitted for the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Manager position opening. Current Watershed District Board member Willis Beecher submitted an application for re-appointment. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to appoint Willis Beecher to a three year term on the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Board with the term starting April 1, 2009. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Payment of Septic System Installations 3-24-09-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 12-2009 as presented authorizing the County Auditor/Treasurer to issue payments for septic system watershed loans as auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business:

County Road 8 and 19 Right-of-Ways Engineer Andy Sander, Highway Supervisor Larry Stoks, County Attorney Helgeson and the Board discussed the location of county road right-of-ways at the intersection of 340th Avenue and County Roads 8 and 19. Minnesota Statute 160.2715 does not allow plowing or row cropping to occur in road right-of-ways. Engineer Sander stated that he has notified the landowners in this area not to farm in the road-right-of-way.

Commissioner Johnson stated his opposition to this as he did not agree with the interpretation of the statutes and pointed out that this area has been row cropped for many years. The consensus of the rest of the Board was to not allow farming to occur in county road right-of-ways except that the farming of permanent vegetative cover such as grass and alfalfa for hay could be done.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Restorative Justice Conference 3-24-09-05 Restorative Justice Coordinator Julie Marthaler requested approval for out-of-state travel to attend and present at the restorative justice international conference. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the request for out-of-state travel to attend the restorative justice international conference. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 3-24-09-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$52,350.58 Revenue Fund, \$15,058.36 Road and Bridge Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational: The February 2009 jail report was reviewed. A letter from the Minnesota Department of Revenue on the County's share of casino tax from the Upper Sioux Community was reviewed.

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

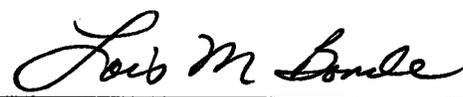
Adjourn 3-24-09-07 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 1:58 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer