

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.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 4-08-08-01** Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add MnRAA to commissioner reports; add Upper Sioux road funding memorandum of understanding and road dust control to the regular agenda; add the March investment report to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 4-08-08-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 25, 2008, County Board meeting; Region 6W and Region 8 Workforce Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments:** Canby School Superintendent Loren Hacker was in attendance to discuss a grant Canby Schools was applying for to purchase art display equipment that would be used to display art exhibits throughout the county. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve a budget amendment of \$500 for the Canby Schools art display equipment grant request. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II. Commissioner Johnson reported on ICS, Safe Communities Coalition, Prairie 5, SWCD, 6W Corrections, RDC and a renewable energy meeting.

**Department Reports:**

Yellow Medicine County SWCD Director Lou Ann Nagel and SWCD Board Member Menno Fokken gave an update on the SWCD.

Bob Byrnes, Virginia Wilson and Michelle Ascheman with Yellow Medicine County Extension gave an update on Extension activities.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:31 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

The county attorney and county administrator reports were given.

**County Administrator Permanent Employment Status 4-08-08-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve permanent employment status for Ryan Krosch as County Administrator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Regular Agenda:**

**IT Coordinator Position 4-08-08-04** The Board discussed hiring a full-time IT coordinator for the county. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve hiring a full-time IT coordinator with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2008. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**IT Committee 4-08-08-05** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Yellow Medicine County IT Committee operating guidelines as presented and to appoint Commissioner Antony as the County Board representative to the committee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Prairie Waters** Connie Nygaard with Western Minnesota Prairie Waters discussed with the Board changes to Prairie Water's website and addressed concerns regarding Prairie Water's advertising.

**Weed Spraying** County Engineer Andy Sander and Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks reviewed the county's weed spraying program.

**Upper Sioux Road Funding Memorandum of Understanding 4-08-08-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to authorize the county engineer to sign memorandums of understanding between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Yellow Medicine County regarding ownership and maintenance of county roads B1, 18, 44, 3, 17, 39, 43, B2 and B3. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Road Dust Control 4-08-08-07** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to have the application of chloride at the intersection of D9 and U.S. 75 be a one-time application that is applied in 2008 only. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Wambeke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioners Remiger and Antony voting against.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

**Attorney's Office Addition 4-08-08-08** Revised concept drawings, cost estimates and financing options were reviewed for the proposed county attorney, restorative justice and IT building addition. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve moving forward with the design and development phase of the project. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

**Commissioner Reports Continued:**

Commissioner Remiger reported on the Museum Committee and PACT4. Commissioner Wambeke had no reports. Commissioner Antony reported on the Museum Committee, Ag Land meeting and the Pioneer Library Board.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the status of MnRAA and the future of senior meal sites in the county.

**Other Business:** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 4-08-08-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$48,450.18 Revenue Fund, \$23,417.52 Road and Bridge Fund, \$6,130.42 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Informational** The Board reviewed the Countryside Public Health tobacco compliance report, AMC leadership program and March 2008 investment report.

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

**Adjourn 4-08-08-10** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 1:46 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

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Louis Sherlin, Chair

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Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer