

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA
July 25, 2006**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, with the following members present: Ron Antony, Jane Remiger, Gary Johnson and Chair Lynn Anderson. Louie Sherlin was absent due to illness. Also present were County Auditor-treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, and news reporters Scott Tetrick and Robert Wolfington. The chairperson called the meeting to order. **07-025-06-01** On motion by Remiger, seconded by Antony, the agenda for the day, the consent agenda, and the minutes of July 11, 2006 were accepted and approved.

The following commissioner reports were given:

Johnson: Prairie Five, Extension, Judicial Ditch #39 Redwood/YM, Big Stone II, and RDC Renewable Energy Board. He noted that the ditch hearing was continued to August 15th. Anthony reported on Rural Minnesota Energy Board and suggested that the county join this organization. **07-25-06-02** Discussion followed on the two energy boards resulting in Johnson moving to join the RDC Renewable Energy Board and paying the \$3000 dues. Remiger seconded with motion carried. Then Antony moved, seconded by Johnson, to join the Rural Minnesota Energy Board at a cost of \$3000 for dues. Motion carried with Antony appointed to remain as delegate.

Remiger reported on Federal Transportation Bonding, the county fair, and AMC policy meeting on weight limits & task force. Remiger questioned Zoning Director Randy Jacobson on the time frame for revision of the Land Use Ordinance. He replied that it would take at least another year for completion. **07-25-06-03** Remiger moved to approved per diem and mileage for the members to work on this plan. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

At 12:45 pm a request was heard for YM-448-06 a conditional use permit from Michael Verhelst for an expansion of an existing feedlot from 665 animals to 995 animal units. The Site is located in Section 27, Norman Township. Feedlot Engineer Chris Skonard presented the proposed plan for the above. The request was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with the following condition:

1. If hay is ground at the Bob Verhelst site, it must be ground in a three sided enclosed structure and the structure must be built within six months of conditional use approval date. **07-25-06-04**
After further discussion, Remiger moved to grant the conditional use permit with two more conditions:

1. All feed bags must be at least 51ft away from the center of the county road or within a line even with the grove, whichever is greater; 2. The ACF bags must be placed at least 150' away from the

county road. Johnson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A second request for a conditional use permit YM-449-06 was heard from Bob Verhelst for the expansion of his feedlot from 585 animal units to 965 animal units in Section 27 of Norman Township. A neighbor, Doug Sik was present to state his objections to the expansion because of the problem with flies. **07-25-06-05** After discussion, Remiger moved for approval with the same conditions as above. Johnson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

07-25-06-06 Remiger moved to approve all additional appropriations as requested, Antony seconded, all voted in favor.

At 1:00 pm a public hearing for the Abandonment of County Tile on County Ditch #9, Lateral D was held. A petition was filed by Steve Doom requesting permission for the above. The petition will create a perpetual conservation easement that will retire marginal farmlands and restore wetland habitat. The following persons were present: County Ditch Inspector John Kolhei, Tom Wenzel, BWSR Design Engineer; Kurt Johnson, SWCD; Scott Santjer, SWCD; Scott Wintz, Stan Homan, Arlen Koepp, Ordell & Bev Rogge; Curt & Rosa Sorum; & Rob Alleckson. Engineer Wenzel explained the intent of the project located in the E1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 29 of Tyro Township. Current drainage will be altered by the extraction and implementation of a new tiling system. The cost of this project will be paid by the CREP program and the engineer assured board members that if any problems are created on adjoining lands, they will be corrected. **07-25-06-07** After further discussion, Antony moved for approval with the stipulation that the SWCD pay all costs necessary to correct future drainage problems for adjacent landowners. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub presented a summary of the Memorial Park Trail Project. Phase 1 & 2 are completed and Phase 3 is scheduled for construction in 2009. Federal funding paid for 80% of the costs with the county and the City of Granite dividing the remaining 20%. Total cost to the county thus far is \$28,155.

Lois Bonde gave a brief summary of the county's financial status. The general fund has approximately \$1.7 million in reserve capital.

Auditor-treasurer Carolyn Sherlin briefed the board on the coming election. The county ordered 12 precinct scanners for counting ballots and 13 voting machines for the disabled voters. The new laws require one in every precinct. A special training session was presented to all precincts on the operation of these machines and several more trainings on general procedures will be held for all election judges.

Lynn Anderson discussed the cottonwood trees at the Hanley Falls camping area and suggested hiring a professional to trim all the

dead branches.

Lynn Anderson reported on the county safety committee, public health, the recycling contract, Drug Task Force, Prairie Lakes, and the regional solid waste meeting and discussed the household hazardous waste project and the tire recycling project.

07-25-06-08 Disbursements in the amount of \$194,337.43 for the Revenue Fund, \$71,224.78 from the Road and Bridge Fund, and \$930.64 from the Ditch Fund were approved on motion by Remiger, seconded by Antony and carried.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:
Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer