

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

July 26, 2005

Chair Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:22 p.m. with Commissioners Jane Remiger, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Lois Bonde and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present. Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived after the recess for lunch.

07-26-05-01 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of: an Off-Sale 3.2 Beer License for Ruth's in Wood Lake Township for \$5.00 and a temporary one-day On-Sale Liquor License for Echo Lions Club in Echo Township for \$5.00 to the consent agenda; a letter from Sheriff Rollins to hire Ryan Marthaler; Paul Hendrickson on a recycling facility; a discussion on the library system; and approval of the consent agenda consisting of the July 12, 2005 regular meeting minutes, the 3.2 Off-Sale Beer License, and the temporary one-day Liquor License. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Upper Sioux, the County Fair, Prairie Waters RC&D, and Countryside Public Health.

Discussion followed on Western Minnesota Prairie Waters request for an additional \$2,000 to help reduce their current \$16,000 shortfall.

07-26-05-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the payment of \$2,000 to Western Minnesota Prairie Waters once all counties have paid the original amount requested. Carried.

Mr. Johnson gave updates on Extension Committee, Safety Committee, Minnesota River Valley Mapping, Region 6W Community Corrections, Upper Sioux, Prairie Five CAC, JD #23 Ditch Hearing, CEE-6 Drug Task Force, meeting with Brimeyer Group to review Highway Engineer applications, and Western MN Revolving Loan Fund.

Ms. Remiger reported on Upper Sioux, Minnesota River Valley Mapping, and the meeting with Brimeyer Group to review Highway Engineer applications.

Steve Schultz, Otter Tail Public Relations, updated the Board on the Big Stone II project. The transmission line from Canby to Granite Falls will remain in the current location. They will pay for crop damages caused by the lines being updated.

The meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

Jolene Johnson and Mary Homan presented an overview of the Lac qui Parle River Mainstem Water Quality Clean Water Partnership project and requested approval to enter into a low interest loan program with the MPCA to upgrade non-conforming septic systems in the County.

07-26-05-03 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners, that it hereby designates Jolene Johnson, Water Plan Coordinator as Project Representative for the implementation of the Lac qui Parle River Mainstem Water Quality Clean Water Partnership Project for Yellow Medicine County.

The Project Representative shall have the authority to represent the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners in all Project matters that do not specifically require action by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners that, as Loan Sponsor, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners enters into the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Implementation Loan Agreement along with the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, as Project Sponsor, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the implementation of the Lac qui Parle River Mainstem Water Quality Clean Water Partnership Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners that the County Board Chair, Lynn Anderson be authorized to execute the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Implementation Loan Agreement for the above referenced Project on behalf of the Board as Loan Sponsor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners that the County Auditor, Carolyn Sherlin, be authorized to execute loan disbursement requests for the above referenced project to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on behalf of the Board.

Carried.

07-26-05-04 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to enter into a loan agreement with the MPCA to provide low interest septic system loans in the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District. Discussion followed. The amount of the loan at this time is \$120,000. The County will act as sponsor only and will not provide any funds. Carried

Sheriff Richard Rollins' request for board approval to hire Ryan Marthaler as a Deputy Sheriff was brought to the table.

07-26-05-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the hiring of Mr. Marthaler. Carried.

County Attorney Tom Kramer updated the Board on several issues. He is working on a park ordinance and decisions will need to be made on who will administer fines issued by the Sheriff. There is need for a uniform schedule of funeral home fees the County will pay.

The meeting was recessed at 1:05 p.m. for three ditch hearings and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Michelle Gatz, VSO/Emergency Management, reviewed the Homeland Security site monitoring visits. The initial inspection took place June 8, 2005 with one site unable to account for seven masks issued to them. At a follow-up visit on July 14, 2005 all masks were accounted for. Because of the possible repercussions of this issue, Ms. Gatz requested authority to do onsite inspections to monitor equipment issued by the County and to develop policies related to monitoring of the equipment and training use of the equipment.

07-26-05-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to authorize the Emergency Management Officer to do on site visits for the monitoring of equipment owned by the County, but issued and maintained by other entities, and to develop a policy for such, as well as developing a policy for training use of such equipment. Carried.

The Board asked that further investigation be made into the matter.

07-26-05-07 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to authorize the sheriff to hire outside help in the investigation if there is a conflict of interest with his office. Carried.

The agent of record proposals were discussed.

07-26-05-08 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to let the Labor Management Committee discuss and review the proposals before they come back to the Board. Carried.

Don Kleven, Fish and Wildlife Service Realty Specialist, requested certification for the acquisition of permanent waterfowl easements on property owned by Beverly Kremin et al and Marvin F. Kremin. They agree not to drain, fill, burn, or level the land. The easements have the potential of putting water next to a township road. U.S. Fish and Wildlife has agreed to pay the costs of raising the road.

07-26-05-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to certify the acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Carried, with Mr. Johnson voting against the motion.

Paul Hendrickson, Environmental Officer, requested support on the material recovery facility that Lyon County is considering developing near their solid waste facility.

07-26-05-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution with the stipulation that no funds are attached:

WHEREAS, Lincoln, Lyon, Pipestone, and Yellow Medicine Counties have reviewed preliminary costs associated with the development and operation of a Material Recovery Facility for the processing of recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary costs for a Material Recovery Facility, it would appear to be cost effective to develop and operate a regional facility and help reduce the overall recycling costs for each of the counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners fully supports the Lyon County Board of Commissioners in the procurement of services to further evaluate the feasibility of a material recovery facility.

Carried.

Mr. Anderson reviewed some of the information items on the agenda.

Mr. Antony reported on Upper Sioux, the JD #23 Hearing in Madison, and Pioneerland Library.

There was discussion on the allocation of maintenance of effort money coming from the County for the Pioneerland Library System if the City of Canby reduces its budget before the five-year phase-in of the Canby Library is completed. There was a verbal agreement with the City of Canby that they would not reduce their library budget during the phase-in period that provides for them to become fully automated. It is unknown whether they are fully automated yet or not. No decision was made on what should be done if they break their agreement before the five-year phase-in is completed.

Mr. Anderson reported on Upper Sioux and Southwest Regional Solid Waste.

Mr. Sherlin reported that the area for camping at the County fairgrounds is marked out with flags by himself and Kris from Countryside Public Health. The area used for camping in the past is no longer acceptable according to Public Health. Later, a member of the fair board went around and removed all of the flags because he didn't want people to camp in the area that was marked.

07-26-05-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants, with the exception of the one to The Granite Grinder & Cafe, totaling \$197,486.34, as adjusted, and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$100,074.00. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chair

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer