

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

March 8, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived at 9:15 a.m.

03-08-05-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of: approval of a gambling permit to the consent agenda; an appointment to the Extension Committee; appointment of a UMVRDC municipal representative; and discussion of a Todd County resolution. Carried.

03-08-05-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of the February 22, 2005 regular meeting minutes, an additional appropriation request, Fund Equity Reserves and Designations for 2004, and the following resolution:

Whereas, the Montevideo Lions Club has submitted an application for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License; and

Whereas, such license is to be used for lawful gambling (sale of pull-tabs) at Johnny's On The Tee (name of the clubhouse at The Crossing at the Montevideo Golf Course) at 4490 Highway 212, Montevideo, MN; and

Whereas, Yellow Medicine County has no objection to the conduct of lawful gambling by the applicant, in accordance with law, at the designated location.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application as presented.

Carried.

Under reports, Mr. Sherlin commented on Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Western Mental Health Center, and Western Minnesota Prairie Waters. Mr. Johnson discussed an ICS meeting and believed that a previous motion to designate Commissioners as the ICS representatives should be changed.

03-08-05-03 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to designate Law Enforcement and Emergency Management as the County's ICS representatives, to expect that they will attend ICS meetings, and to have Commissioners vote, in their place, if they are not in attendance. Carried.

Mr. Johnson attended AMC's Capitol Day and Prairie Five CAC. Ms. Remiger also attended AMC's Capitol Day and a Yellow Medicine Historical Society annual meeting.

Paul Henriksen, Lyon County Environmental Administrator, reviewed the proposed Solid Waste Disposal Agreement. He noted that the agreement is needed because of the waste burner project. There were several questions answered and edits made to the agreement.

03-08-05-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to accept the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement as edited. Carried.

There was also some discussion on recycling.

Mr. Antony reported on a Cooperative Efforts Committee meeting and Mr. Anderson commented on AMC's Capitol Day.

03-08-05-05 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies are celebrating a 40 year

history of promoting economic stability within our communities through the provision of leadership, resources, support and advocacy to families and individuals in financial need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies offer opportunities for economic stability, self sufficiency and advancement to thousands of individuals and families in all 87 counties each year through the provision of resources to meet basic needs, welfare-to-work and job skills development services, educational and asset development options for long-term economic advancement, home ownership opportunities, and advocacy efforts that ensure Minnesota families and individuals can live with dignity in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies provide leadership in creating and advocating for responsible policy development that addresses the need to eliminate the conditions that keep people in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies collaborate with a broad range of community partners including local government, school districts, human service organizations, non-profit groups, the business community, the faith community, and civic organizations in the development and implementation of strategies that assist people to leave poverty and to own a stake in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies provide a significant return on investment to Yellow Medicine County; and to counties throughout the state, as demonstrated through outcome-based measurement research; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Community Action Agencies rely on the state Community Action Grant and the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) as core funding to provide Yellow Medicine County with critical safety net services, innovative and cost effective programs, responsible and forward-thinking community development efforts, and millions of additional leveraged dollars through local, state and federal partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Requests for Community Action services have increased over the past two years while significant decreases in our state's Community Action Grant allocation, and potential loss of federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), has resulted (or will result) in the loss of Community Action capacity to meet the needs of residents in Yellow Medicine County, contributing to further destabilization of our local economy; and

WHEREAS, If funding for the Community Action Grant is not restored, and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is not reauthorized, critical services to Yellow Medicine County residents will be reduced and will result in placing severe financial stress on our households, communities and county;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners supports actions that would increase state funding through the Community Action Grant, and actions that would secure on-going federal funding through the reauthorization of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), to support Minnesota's Community Action Agencies. These actions will ensure that adequate resources are in place for Yellow Medicine County, and all of Minnesota's counties, to promote strengthened economic stability and greater prosperity for our state and for all Minnesotans.

Carried.

Mr. Anderson reviewed upcoming meetings.

03-08-05-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to vote for June Lynne for a two-year term and Orlou Mittelstaedt for a one-year term on the Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Board of Directors. Carried.

03-08-05-07 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve a letter supporting the Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition's Federal High Priority Project Request. Carried.

Terry Renken, Yellow Medicine Watershed District Administrator, was present with four of his board members to review their 2004 Annual Report.

Recorder Kay Zempel updated the Board on their office expansion, new computer purchases, and legislative actions affecting her office.

The Commissioners considered items they wanted included in their 5-year capital improvement budget. Laptop computers and printers were included for 2006 with replacements in 2008. They also wanted a multimedia projector purchased in 2005 that could be used in the boardroom for PowerPoint and other presentations. The Board noted that Mr. Chattin could obtain a laptop from the Auditor/Treasurer that could be used for presentations.

03-08-05-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to appoint Cheryl Rude to the Extension Committee. Carried.

03-08-05-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$70,445.36 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$6,442.06. Carried.

03-08-05-10 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to appoint Clarkfield Mayor Dan Jahn to the UMRDC Board as a municipal representative. Carried.

Mr. Antony discussed a resolution adopted by Todd County that created a no net gain policy for selling land to a State agency. If additional land was purchased by the State, they would have to sell land they already owned. How such a policy could affect organizations like Pheasants Forever, who have to turn purchased land over to the State, was discussed.

Ms. Remiger shared a letter received on aggregate mining.

Mr. Anderson reviewed correspondence received and then adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer