

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

May 11, 2004

Chair Jane Remiger called this regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

**05-11-04-01** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of: appointment of Engineer John Johnson to a 4-year term; consider water plan update; ISTS loan agreement extension; zoning office summer help; and landfill lease. Carried.

**05-11-04-02** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the April 27, 2004 regular meeting and several reallocation and additional appropriation requests. Fiscal Officer Lois Bonde was brought in to answer some questions by the Board, after which the motion carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Area II activities. Mr. Johnson shared some correspondence he had received. Ms. Remiger discussed a museum meeting. Mr. Antony reviewed Labor Management Committee, ICS, and Cooperative Efforts Committee meetings. Mr. Anderson noted that the Memorial Trail Committee is now a task force and he reported on Region 6W Community Corrections.

Dennis Healy, Director of Finance and Operations, and Charlie Simonson and Mike Brunner, Commissioners, of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water were present. Mr. Healy gave the Board an update and reviewed their 2003 audit report.

Curt Johnson, Head Custodian, asked the Board about removing a flagpole when the courthouse is re-roofed. The Board agreed that the flagpole should be removed.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Jolene Johnson, Zoning Official, were present with several issues.

**05-11-04-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to hire Jim Williams as the Assistant Weed Inspector at \$10.00 per hour for no more than 37.5 hours. Carried.

Ms. Johnson discussed the need to extend the Yellow Medicine River Watershed Low Interest Loan Program. This program provides low interest loans for upgrading septic systems.

**05-11-04-04** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the extension of the loan program. Carried.

Ms. Johnson also reviewed a proposal by Matthew Johnson, Community Development Director with Midwest Community Planning, to complete a water plan update for the County.

**05-11-04-05** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to have Midwest Community Planning update the County's water plan at a cost not to exceed \$8,800. Carried.

Ms. Remiger called for a break at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Engineer John Johnson addressed the Board on the old highway shop site. He stated that the old shop building was not needed and approximately 30 acres of land south of the current highway shop is useable acreage. He had no concerns with selling the old location. Gary Johnson felt that the bid should have been advertised in all County newspapers, not just the Canby paper.

**05-11-04-06** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Sherlin to accept the proposal from Roland and Diane Fagen to purchase the old highway shop site for \$15,000, per the letter of intent offered. Carried with Mr. Johnson voting against the motion, due to limited advertising.

**05-11-04-07** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to appoint John Johnson to a 4-year term as the County Engineer. Carried.

**05-11-04-08** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to approve a revised lease of landfill property with Howard Gatchell, Jr. for \$210 per year. Carried.

**05-11-04-09** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Sherlin to recommend to the Minnesota Department of Human Services that Leona Smith be appointed to serve on the County's Family Services Board after July 6, 2004. Carried.

The appointment to the HRA Board was tabled.

There was some general discussion on the operations of the Prairie Waters Board.

**05-11-04-10** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yellow Medicine County will act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Snowdrifters of Montevideo, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Yellow Medicine County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement for a period of five years, namely 2004 to 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yellow Medicine County will act as the legal sponsor for snowmobile trails in Yellow Medicine County and that County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin will serve as fiscal agent for the above project.

Carried.

Several upcoming meetings were reviewed.

Mr. Chattin discussed a tower lease the County has inherited from a previous land owner. The 25-year lease with Iowa Broadcasting has expired and they would like to renew for another 25 years at \$200 per year. Mr. Chattin suggested a higher annual rent with provisions to renegotiate periodically.

**05-11-04-11** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to have Mr. Chattin request \$500 per year for five years on the Iowa Broadcasting lease with the lease amount to be renegotiated every five years. Carried.

Mr. Chattin noted that the summary motion in the Larson case was available for Board review. He also discussed his ongoing talks with the school to procure technical services through them. He noted that he would be attending the MCMA conference the remainder of the week.

**05-11-04-12** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$61,162.23 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$18,292.73. Carried.

**05-11-04-13** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Jane Remiger, Chair

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer