

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

May 24, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present.

05-24-05-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of a Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) joint powers agreement renewal. Carried.

05-24-05-02 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of: May 10, 2005 regular meeting minutes; May 19, 2005 special meeting minutes; Correction Officer job offers; an amendment to the Labor Management Committee membership; and approval of a Beer License for the Granite Falls Baseball Association for June 23rd – 25th. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin started reports with comments on the Fair Board. Mr. Johnson reported on UMRVDC and the Planning Commission. Ms. Remiger gave updates on RCRCA, Planning Commission, a Land Use Workshop attended, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, and a recycling meeting.

05-24-05-03 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve a 2-year extension of the RCRCA Joint Powers agreement and authorizing Jane Remiger to sign such agreement for the County. Carried.

Mr. Antony reported on Pioneerland Library and the Safety Committee. Mr. Anderson finished reports with updates on Southwest Regional Solid Waste, a recycling contract meeting, CEE VI Drug Task Force, and Prairie Lakes Youth Programs.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 12:02 for lunch and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived at 12:33 p.m.

05-24-05-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to appoint Cheryl Kack to the HRA Board. Carried.

05-24-05-05 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve hookup of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water to Timm County Park for \$8,900 plus a \$400 membership fee. Carried.

Brian Berget, SpecSys Inc. Controller and representing Kevin Wald, addressed the Board on a possible tax abatement. The City of Granite Falls is considering a \$67,000 forgivable loan, in lieu of tax abatement, for Mr. Wald. A vote on that loan by the City Council will take place on June 13th. The County portion of Mr. Wald's property taxes for 2005 is \$9,013. Mr. Berget asked if tax abatement was still available. Mr. Anderson felt that the abatement had been essentially agreed upon two years ago. There was much discussion on the best subsidy method and amount.

05-24-05-06 Motion by Ms. Remiger to hold a public hearing on June 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to consider tax abatement of no more than \$90,000 over ten years for Kevin Wald and to approve an exception to the current County Business Subsidy Policy requiring City tax abatement, as the intent of such an abatement would be met by the City's forgivable loan. Mr. Anderson passed the gavel to Mr. Antony and seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Antony passed the gavel back to Mr. Anderson.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented two conditional use permit (CUP) applications to the Board. The first dealt with a request by Michael Ose to have a 14' by 80' manufactured home in a Rural Preservation Management District. The Planning Commission was recommending approval of the CUP.

05-24-05-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the CUP for Mr. Ose with the following conditions:

- 1) The Zoning Administrator shall re-evaluate the permit at 5-year intervals, based on the needs of the occupant.
 - 2) The home will be anchored in accordance with the State Building Code.
- Carried.

Clark Field and Leo Flattum were present to explain a CUP application by Veblen Protein, Inc. to operate a protein, fat, and bone meal manufacturing plant within a Rural Preservation Management District. There was considerable discussion on how to ensure that no future cleanup costs would be borne by the County. A \$40,000 performance bond and \$500 annual payments were both considered. The Planning Commission was recommending approval of the CUP.

05-24-05-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to grant the Veblen Protein CUP with the following conditions:

- 1) There shall be no accumulation of refuse at the site.
- 2) All scrap metal must be removed after construction is completed but no later than May 1, 2006.
- 3) All truck traffic shall be routed onto the township road south of the site.
- 4) A \$40,000 performance bond will be provided allowing for site cleanup, if needed, with proof of the bond provided to the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Carried.

Mr. Chattin noted that Mr. Jacobson did not receive the 3% salary increase granted to other employees for 2005, as his job offer included 6-month and 1-year adjustments. He had not completed a full year until February and therefore did not receive the 3% increase.

05-24-05-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to grant a 3% salary increase, effective January 1, 2005, to Mr. Jacobson, Carried.

Mr. Anderson shared some correspondence.

Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub, General Foreman Larry Stoks, and Engineering Tech Mike Schaffran were present to review the County's 5-Year Construction Plan.

05-24-05-10 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to open the public hearing on the County's 5-Year Construction Plan at 1:30 p.m. Carried.

Highway staff reviewed the construction plan with the Board. There were no citizens present.

Mr. Anderson closed the public hearing at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened the Board meeting.

05-24-05-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the County 5-Year Construction Plan as presented. Carried.

Mr. Stoks discussed an 80' by 80' addition planned for the Granite Falls shop. There is \$110,000 budgeted for this project. With increases in construction costs, he is now estimating \$200,000 to complete the project. Several options were considered.

05-24-05-12 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to call for bids for the shop expansion project with several options offered and requiring bidders to

submit bids for all options. Carried.

Mr. Stoks noted that the Clarkfield shop addition is completed and the Canby shop addition is under way.

05-24-05-13 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to call for bids for a new front-end loader. Carried.

Mr. Schaub discussed a new requirement for hazardous materials inspections for bridges to be replaced. The inspections have been contracted at \$500 per bridge.

05-24-05-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with former Engineer John Johnson as presented. Carried.

05-24-05-15 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented, except for one warrant to Granite Floral for \$32.29, totaling \$57,637.33 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$91,820.49. Carried.

05-24-05-16 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer