

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 18, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, Zimmel and Athey present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of awarding 2023 highway paving projects.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the April 4th regular meeting and April 13th emergency meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board, CPT, HRA, SWCD
Sandberg – MSI, Personnel
Zimmel – BdSWD
Klages – PW, PdTJPB,
Olson – PrimeWest, Personnel

Sheriff Brown requested approval for the 2023 DNR Boat and Water grant.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the grant and authorize Brown to sign the agreement.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to authorize payment of claims as presented by Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Anoka County	\$ 2,300.00
Assn of MN Counties	2,000.00
Chamberlain Oil Co	2,667.12
City of St Cloud	10,429.98
CPT	6,538.00
Hancock Concrete Products	10,779.40
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	40,894.14
L&O Transport	5,646.33
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,817.12
Regents of the U of MN	19,670.25
Traverse County	3,780.00
West Con	5,893.96
Ziegler	2,021.73
52 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>23,368.23</u>
Total	\$139,806.26

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the on-sale liquor license for the Graceville Golf Club.

Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Veterans Service Officer Ward Odom shared activity information from the department as well as presented the Veteran parking signs that will be placed around the County.

Layne Kockelman from Abdo presented the 2022 audit findings for Big Stone County. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the 2022 financial statements and order their publication.

Recorder Laura Berger presented the Fidar contract for renewal. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the contract.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the request to advertise for the trail and CSAH 1 projects.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to award the 2023 paving projects to Bituminous Paving, the low bidder at \$995,576.83.

Engineer Roggenbuck shared activity updates from the Highway Department.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the Aquatic Invasive Species agreement and authorize Environmental Director Darren Wilke to sign the agreement.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the annual feedlot report as presented by Wilke.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the 3-year term re-appointments of Lori Riley, Pat Dwyer and Don Lundell to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to re-appoint Ken Chase for a 3-year term and appoint Lori Riley to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the 5-year Hazardous Waste Agreement as presented by Wilke.

Rud shared information regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds and the plan to work with Countryside Public Health and the 5-county region to develop a Substance Abuse Collaborative to pool opioid dollars.

Chairman Olson called the public hearing to order at 10:00 AM on the petition of MN DNR to use County Ditch 2 as an outlet for drainage with DNR representatives Curt Vacek and Todd Call, UMRWD Administrator Amber Doschadis, Drainage Inspector Darby Karsky, County Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck, Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson and numerous landowners present. The public comment period was opened. Curt Vacek from DNR Wildlife reviewed the petition. Vacek stated that their permit only allows a drawdown in a low flow month and gradually do it. Currently they would give notice to DNR Waters and the Watershed when the drawdown would happen. Engineer Roggenbuck stated he preferred that he would be provided notice and also give approval before the drawdown is done. Discussion was held. Landowners expressed their concern with the weir downstream and Vacek stated that this petition is a separate issue. Further discussion was held on the hydraulic analysis. Public comment period closed. The Board discussed the information that was presented and the DNR will share hydraulic studies with the County Engineer for review and follow-up. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to continue to public hearing to the Board's regular meeting on May 16, 2023, at 9:00 AM, at which time findings and order will be considered regarding the petition. Chairman Olson closed the public hearing at 11:16 AM.

A Board work session was held with an update from UMRWD Administrator Amber Doschadis regarding the flood activity around Big Stone Lake as well as updates on the Whetstone project.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator