

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**September 1, 2020**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Highway Garage at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Backer, Klepel, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Jeff Klages, Coordinator Pam Rud, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky and Deputy Auditor Heather Henrich. County Auditor Michelle Knutson and Ditch Attorney John Kolb were participating via phone. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The work session began with an update from Rud on the CARES Act funding noting that a committee will begin reviewing applications submitted to BSAG. She also has received requests for CARES funding from Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley (CGB) and Ortonville School Districts and the RDC.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting and the August 18<sup>th</sup> Highway 5-year plan meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Approve CARE Act Funding Requests
- Approve Sale of Parcel 07-0099-000 to Graceville Golf Club
- Delete Sale of Highway Garage

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – MSI; LELS Mediation; IT/Hwy
- Olson – Pioneerland; Primewest
- Athey – Toqua Park; CARES; IT/Hwy; LELS Mediation
- Backer – BSAG; CARES; CPT; BdSWD; Toqua Park; RDC
- Klepel – BSAG

Coordinator Rud gave an update on the water damage to the Courthouse over the weekend. There was a leak from the bathroom in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Jury room that caused flooding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. There was also significant damage to the Assessor's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. They are currently assessing the damage and the adjusters are expected out tomorrow. The Assessor's office will temporarily relocate to the Family Service Building. Commissioner Athey thanked all the staff involved in the cleanup and organization thus far.

Coordinator Rud asked Highway Maintenance Supervisor Karsky to talk to the Board about the easement with Western MN Municipal Power Agency. After a brief discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the easement amendment with Western MN Municipal Power Agency.

Coordinator Rud presented the requests for CARES funds from CGB and Ortonville School Districts. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve \$2,000 to CGB and \$10,363.95 to Ortonville. Commissioner Sandberg requested that Coordinator Rud reach out to make sure they have submitted all expenses.

Chairman Athey called the public hearing to order to reconvene the County Ditch 21 public hearing to consider the proposed reestablishment and correction of the drainage system records for County Ditch 21 under M.S. 103E.101, subd.4a. Ditch

Attorney John Kolb was present via TEAMS to present the order and findings and to answer any questions for the Board. The DNR's concerns were addressed in the findings. After a brief discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to adopt the Findings and Order as prepared and presented by Mr. Kolb.

Coordinator Rud presented a CARES funding request from the RDC for \$1,194.41. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the expenditure with Athey voting Nay.

Coordinator Rud presented information prepared by County Attorney Joe Glasrud regarding the sale of parcel 07-0099-000 to the Graceville Golf Course. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson to sell the following described property to the sole adjoining landowner in accordance with Minn. Stat. 373.01, subd. 1(i) in the amount of \$1,350 plus recording fees/costs:

*That part of GL9, 16-124N-46W described as follows: Commencing at the NW corner of said Lot 9, thence S along the W line thereof a distance of 313 feet, thence N 71 degrees and 38 minutes E a distance of 754 feet, more or less, to the westerly ROW line of the present highway as laid out, thence northerly along said ROW line a distance of 60 feet to the N line of said Lot 9, thence W along said N line a distance of 726 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 3.1 acres.*

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Deputy Auditor Henrich:

CBS Squared	\$ 4,990.81
CDW Government	23,795.50
Hancock Concrete Products	3,794.85
Liftoff	8,100.00
Stevens County	3,502.02
TrueNorth Steel	14,165.96
Twin Valley Tire	3,340.00
West Con	13,224.43
29 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,330.36</u>
Total	<u>\$90,243.93</u>

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the following resolution to Adopt and Implement the Pomme de Terre River Association Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan as presented by Environmental Technician Danny Tuckett:

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County is a member of the Pomme de Terre River Association Joint Powers Board (PDT JPB); and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County has been an active participant in the development of the Pomme de Terre River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County recommended the PDT JPB submit the Plan for State approval on January 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the PDT JPB submitted the Plan for State approval on June 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Plan on August 26, 2020 according to Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Big Stone County hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the County identified within the Plan

and serve as a substitute for the County local water management plan as per 103B for the duration of the state approved Plan.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the County Ditch 2 petition for clean out as presented by Drainage Inspector Karsky.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klepel and carried to agree to postpone the hearing for the DNR's Petition for Outlet into County Ditch 2 due to COVID travel restrictions.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather M. Henrich, Deputy Auditor