

November 16, 2010  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Tom White. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongviong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Rahn Larson

The purpose of this special meeting is to conduct a work session to discuss structure/staffing of the Environmental Office/Parks Department. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

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The board came up with five different options for the reorganization of the Environmental Office/Parks Department that they chose to discuss and consider by listing pros/cons of each option. The five options were as follows:

- 1) Soil and Water Conservation District
- 2) Continue with the same system (3 FTE's)
- 3) Work with Jackson County
- 4) New department
- 5) Land/Water (SWCD & County split responsibilities)

After much discussion, the consensus of the board is to approach SWCD to see what they might be able to help the county with. The board was hoping to have SWCD help out with the water issues/feedlots and to have the land issues remain within the county by hiring an employee that might be responsible for such things as planning & zoning, parks, septic, GIS, etc.

Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to instruct Chairman White and Vice-Chairman Kuecker to enter into negotiations with the SWCD to contract for services.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Tom White, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongviong, Bd. Adm. Assistant