

March 8, 2005
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Chuck Severson, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; Jim Weidemann, Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen, Neal Grunewald, Bruce Nagorske, Nanno Schoneman, Mike Hanson, Curt Schenk, Gary Schenk, Herb Scheffler and Jeff Minor. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner John Oeltjenbruns. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the additions of the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting as amended.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority to hold a public hearing in regards to re-determination of benefits for JD #5. After much discussion and all questions being addressed, there was a motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to adopt amended re-determination of benefits on JD #5.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to present the recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve the conditional use permit for the proposed quarry. After much discussion, the board decided to direct Hanson to work with the property owners of the proposed quarry to get clarification on the following issues: pond system, fencing issue, hours of operation, erosion control on burm, and proposed residence location. The board would also like to consult with the County Attorney regarding clarification of the compatibility issue as stated in the county ordinance. This issue along with further clarifications will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Hanson handed out a copy of the Cottonwood County Des Moines River Watershed Coordinator position opening that will be in the newspaper this week.

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Family Service Agency Director Jeff Minor met with the board to submit his resignation of employment. His last day of employment will be Friday, April 1, 2005. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept Jeff Minor's letter of resignation and to authorize appropriate payout of benefits.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to authorize Minor and Commissioner Kuecker (Chairman of FSA Board) to update job description and to post and advertise simultaneously for the position of Family Service Agency Director as soon as possible.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve March warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 51,535.49
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 9,097.57
Human Services	\$ 512.08
County Building	\$ 1,834.52
Ditch Fund	\$ 1,515.55
Road & Bridge	\$ 43,574.46
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 3,559.14
Landfill	\$ 9,808.56
TOTAL	\$121,437.37

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Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the county waiving a portion of the tipping fees incurred at the landfill in conjunction with annual cleanup event that has been sponsored by the City for several years. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to recommend that Cottonwood County will waive 1/2 of the regular tipping fee costs for each incorporated city within county boundaries for a one-time annual cleanup event. Each city shall agree to pay the other half. This shall be for the year 2005 and reviewed before subsequent year action. Dumping will be during regular landfill hours. This cleanup does not include compost items, appliances, tires, construction debris, hazardous materials, paint or garbage.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to donate copier to the Cottonwood County Historical Society. This copier is the one that was repurchased from the insurance company after being struck by lightning at the Environmental Office.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant