

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, David Nordaune, Candice Jaenisch, Matt Gilbertson, and Bill Pauling.

Commissioner Lieser called the meeting to order and requested any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Matt Haugen updated the Board on activities in the Attorney’s Office during the month of March.

Each Commissioner gave a report of meetings attended during the month of March.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

- Approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 regular meeting
- Approve two PERA Resolutions for the Police & Fire Plan
- Approve the 2022 Help America Vote Act Grant Agreement
- Approve a Conditional Use Permit for Brett Ervin

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.12 vendors receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are listed individually below:

Cenex	5,633.40
Chappell Central Inc	15,277.20
Clara City Herald	3,899.89
Election Systems & Software Inc	6,285.00
Govconnection Inc	2,275.74
Innovative Office Solutions Llc	2,363.69
Kandiyohi Co Auditor-Treasurer	4,934.89
Klein Mccarthy Architects	3,766.20
Liftoff Llc	62,014.80
Marco Technologies	5,266.10
Minnesota Department Of Agriculture	3,422.00
MSOP	8,694.00
Pro-West & Assoc Inc	3,793.47
Regents Of University Of Mn	14,727.94
Renville Soil & Water Conservation Dist	11,396.84
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	4,583.75
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	33,960.27
Final Total:	\$192,295.18

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb met before the Board to present a request from Riverview Dairy for a utility permit to install a private waterline in the ROW easement of CSAH 5. The Board discussed the waterline at length including landowner consent where the line is within the ROW easement since it is a private utility. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune approve the request allowing a waterline within the County ROW easement contingent on landowner consent for the remainder of the line passing through private property and submission of a completed permit application for County approval. Motion passed

with Commissioners Nordaune, Pauling, and Gilbertson voting in favor and Commission Jaenisch voting against.

Mr. Gilb and Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May updated the Board on City of Montevideo street improvements planned for 2022 and proposed cost impact to the County.

At 11:00 a.m., the Chair asked for a motion to open a public hearing to conduct the 2022 redistricting of county commissioner districts. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Pauling to open the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC Michelle May presented the proposed commissioner districts to be effective in 2022. No public was present for the hearing. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Pauling to close the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Nordaune to pass a resolution adopting the Chippewa County Commissioner districts and setting the terms as required under Minnesota Statute 204B.135. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC Michelle May update the Board on activities in the County. A resolution was presented to proclaim April 26th as County Government Appreciation Day. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Pauling to pass the resolution proclaiming April 26th as County Appreciation Day. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to provide an update on activities in the Jail and Sheriff's Office during the month of March. Emergency Manager Stephanie Weick presented the Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement for approval. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the grant agreement for \$17,648.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Olson updated the Board on receiving a DNR Boat & Water Grant for \$6,724 and the status of the County's Court Security Grant.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board reconvened to conduct a public hearing on the redetermination of benefits for County Ditch 57, 60, 65 and 68. Commissioner Lieser opened the hearing. Attorney Kurt Deter explained the purpose of the final hearing was to review the viewer's recommendation of the benefits and damages of the drainage systems under M.S. 103E.351. ATC May read the notice requirements into the record stating the notice for the hearing was published in the County's legal paper during the weeks of March 16th, 23rd and 30th and the notice was posted in the Chippewa County Courthouse from March 11th to April 5th.

Appointed Viewer Joe Jacobs presented an overview of the redetermination process for the Board and public in attendance. The Chair asked for questions and comments from the public regarding the process.

Mr. Jacobs then presented the viewer's report for County Ditch #68 and the Board took comments from the public including MN DNR representative Cory Netland and Mark Morlock on behalf of Merrill & Diane Morlock (parcel 07-008-2100) and Duwayne & Donna Ahrndt (parcel 07-008-1200). It was noted for the record that Morlock and Ahrndt's parcels should be split between the County Ditch #68 and #10A watersheds. Chair closed the public comment section of the meeting for County Ditch #68. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the County Ditch #68 viewer's report of benefits and damages with the amendment for parcel 07-008-2100 and 07-008-1200. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jacobs presented the viewer's report for County Ditch #57 and the Board took comments from the public noting no amendments were needed. Chair closed the public comment section of the meeting for County Ditch #57. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the viewer's report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jacobs presented the viewer's report for County Ditch #65 and the Board took comments from the public. The Chair closed the public comment section and no amendments were noted. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the viewer's report for County Ditch #65. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jacobs presented the viewer's report for County Ditch #60 and the Board took public comment. The Chair closed the public comment period and no amendments were noted. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the County Ditch #60 viewer's report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business to come before the Drainage Authority, the Redetermination of Benefits Hearing was closed.

Assessor Bonnie Crosby presented a request to increase the property tax on parcel 70-325-0220 for the 2022 payable year due to new information disqualifying the landowner from a property tax exclusion. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the property tax increase on parcel 70-325-0220 and direct the Auditor's Office to send a revised tax statement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Due to time constraints, the Board tabled the closed session on land purchases.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Michelle May
Aud/Treas & Clerk of the Board

/s/ David Lieser
Chairman of the Board

(Auditor's Seal)