

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

November 19, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Dave Forkrud, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Redwood County Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, County Engineer Anthony Sellner, Carol Biren Southwest Health & Human Services, Rosie Petty.

Chair Salfer called the meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 19 agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. Wakefield identified a conflict in the Abstract of Bills.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00.
- On motion Van Hee, second by Forkrud, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 55,158.25
Ditch Fund	\$ 37,146.96
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 249.06
Soil & Water	\$ 19,650.37
Debt Service Fund	\$ 500.00

○ **Bills**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAR	10,499.91
BLOMEKE CONSTRUCTION INC	2,617.20
CAUWELS FARMS INC	4,800.00
DEMUTH/DUSTIN BURR	2,907.00
FRICKE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANY	3,382.52
ISG	4,313.75
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	24,310.63
MAAS CONSTRUCTION CO	2,304.00
MATHIOWETZ/BRUCE	2,050.00

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGEN	5,311.07
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	5,544.79
SCHULTZ/JASON JAMES	3,498.00
SCHULTZ/JERALD	3,360.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	8,591.13
82      Payments less than 2 0 0 0	28,553.12
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>112,043.12</b>

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- Pacheco reviewed the Cannabis Business Ordinance draft with the Board.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to Set Public Hearing for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the Cannabis Business Ordinance.

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and October 2024 Disbursements in the amount of \$2,406,263.42.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	48,920.09
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	19,473.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	37,479.95
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	16,549.83
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	62,174.78
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	44,312.63
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	193,135.52
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,943.00
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,021.50
REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	2,206.34
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,151.96
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	2,988.28
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,343.75
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,211.63
WEX LEAP	7,426.11
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48      Payments less than 2 0 0 0	-327,275.74
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>140,488.94</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2190	2,847.02
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	80,495.73
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	84,643.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	590,023.04
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	49,624.18
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	7,651.51
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	45,919.65
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	92,893.27
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	19,108.99
1      Payments less than 2000	244.55
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>973,451.92</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC	40,082.70
DESIGN ELECTRIC INC	105,604.53
EVERSTRONG CONSTRUCTION INC	359,502.54
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	2,983.00
4 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	865.87
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>509,038.64</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LANG/DIANE	3,000.00
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,369.00
10 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,431.29
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>8,800.29</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	33,623.23
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC	2,226.51
R & G CONSTRUCTION CO	98,797.31
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	729.09
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>135,376.14</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	694.35
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>694.35</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE	3,589.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	8,988.56
WABASSO P&H & GREGORY M STAGE	13,788.50
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,711.52
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>29,077.58</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	5,713.25
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>5,713.25</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	893.62
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>893.62</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AREA II MN RIVER BASIN PROJECT	7,952.52
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	46,275.00
11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	4,050.09
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>58,277.61</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	170,665.00
EVERSTRONG CONSTRUCTION INC	359,502.54
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	12,076.17
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	2,041.37
2 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	166.00
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>544,451.08</b>

- Price updated the Board on the 2024 Forfeited Tax Sale Parcels status.

## **SHERIFF**

- Jacobson discussed the October 2024 Jail Population with the Board.

## **ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve final pay request for Construction Contract 22-8 to M.R. Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$213,836.54.
- Sellner updated the Board on the Redwood County Bridge contract 23-7.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the board voted unanimously to approve agreement with MnDOT for use of CSAH 5 and CSAH 12 as a detour.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, CSAH 5 and CSAH 12 will be used as a detour for TH 68 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County incurred additional maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is entered to provide for a lump sum payment by the State to Redwood County to provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County State Aid Highway No. 5 and County State Aid Highway No. 12 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 68 from 0.17 miles east of County State Aid Highway No. 32 to 0.09 miles east of County State Aid Highway No. 6 under State Project No. 8828-139 (T.H. 68=272).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1057938 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for said purposes;

FURTHERMORE, the below are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

## **RUSTIC IRON**

- Petty discussed her concerns on the Bridge 23-7 project detour and the income reduction for Rustic Iron.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Holtberg updated the Board on the recent Economic Development Board Meeting.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, WEST CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS., wishes to donate \$7500.00 to Redwood County Economic Development Authority;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority will utilize the donation of \$7500.00 for the purpose of costs associated with the Redwood County Housing Study; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of West Central Association of Realtors in supporting the Redwood County Economic Development Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$7500.00 from the West Central Association of Realtors to Redwood County Economic Development Authority, on behalf of the County.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal from Element Materials Technology in the amount of \$10,750 to conduct geotechnical exploration in connection with the Plum Creek Park beach Improvement project.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Leslie Anderson's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024, and he wants to be re-appointed to another 4-year term; and

WHEREAS, Glen Friedrich's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024, and he does not want to serve another term; and

WHEREAS, Marlow Nickel's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2024, and he does not want to serve another term; and

WHEREAS, Jay Takle's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2027, however he is going to retire as a Commissioner on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners conducted a search to replace Glen Friedrich, Marlow Nickel, and Jay Takle; and

WHEREAS, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Leslie Anderson be re-appointed to another term on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that John Smith replace Marlow Nickel on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that James Haler replace Glen Friedrich on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Bruce Gundermann replace Jay Takle on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned County Board of Commissioners hereby believe that Leslie Anderson, James Haler, John Smith, and Bruce Gundermann are all qualified to act as Commissioners on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners, and all 4 of said individuals are worthy to be appointed to the RRRWS Board of Commissioners.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Leslie Anderson, James Haler, John Smith, and Bruce Gundermann all be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes § 116A et seq. The terms for Leslie Anderson, James Haler and John Smith shall commence on January 1, 2025 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2028. The term for Bruce Gundermann shall commence on January 1, 2025 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2027 which was the scheduled expiration date of Jay Takle's term.

- Kletscher discussed the 2025 Budget & Levy with the Board. Board authorized to reduce the levy by purchasing a snowplow truck in the amount of \$326,400, to be funded with General Fund reserves.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Liquor License Application for Grandview Winery in Belview.

## COMMISSIONERS

Wakefield: Cannabis Ordinance Planning, Explore Southwest Minnesota, Economic Development Association, Xcel Energy Project, Opioid Committee

Salfer: Xcel Energy Project, Southwest Adult Mental Health Consortium

Groebner: One watershed One Plan, Canvass Election, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Soil & Water Conservation District

Forkrud: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Extension Committee, Public Sector Insurance Collaborative

Van Hee: Prime West, Xcel Energy Project, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Economic Development Association

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator