

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

August 5, 2025

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, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, County Engineer Nick Klisch, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, License Center Supervisor Amy Serbus, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Recorder Amy Gewerth, Planning & Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Veteran Service Officer Roger Zollner, MN DOC District Supervisor Sarah Eischens, FNR LLC Jay Fultz.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 5 agenda.

Chair Wakefield asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes
  - Bills

General Fund	\$ 163,044.30
Ditch Fund	\$ 710,067.84
Soil & Water	\$ 4,821.70
Ditch Bond Debt Service Fund	\$ 6,092.81
EDA	\$ 588,299.30
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 549.98
Insurance	\$ 436.00

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	10,310.19
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>10,310.19</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ARVIG	583,217.42
COUNTY OF LYON	650,441.61
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	25,820.14

CR KERKHOFF INC	3,717.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	13,121.64
G & R CONTROLS INC	10,337.25
GUARDIAN RFID	4,453.00
HAMMER/TODD	3,672.00
ISG	10,018.10
KRAMER LAW OFFICE	6,230.00
MINNESOTA STATE AUDITOR	37,510.00
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	8,458.63
OPDAHL FARM DRAINAGE LLC	39,775.00
PARKER & SONS INC	4,417.55
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTE	5,000.00
SOUTHWESTERN MN ASSN OF CONSER	2,000.00
TKDA	2,666.57
UC DIRECT	14,515.65
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	13,565.00
54 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	23,961.24
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,462,897.80</b>

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Amy Serbus, License Center Supervisor, for 10 years of service to Redwood County

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Crime Victim Services 2025-2026 Grant Contract Agreement.

## AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the terms and conditions for the initial sale of Tax-Forfeited Land to be held on September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve a credit card for County Engineer Nick Klisch.

## SHERIFF

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer from Weelborg Ford in the amount of \$23,746 plus tax and license fees from State Contract #12-566T.
- Jacobson reviewed the jail population for July 2025.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Eischens discussed the 2026 probation budget with the Board.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge bills in the amount of \$811,794.37.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING INC	13,531.00
BOLTON & MENK INC	95,791.50
BRAUN INTERTEC CORP	3,378.00
DUININCK INC	26,964.16
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	469,370.70
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	63,153.83
M-R SIGN CO INC	2,241.30
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	27,450.69
SCOTTS LAWN SERVICE & SNOW REMOV	2,625.00
TWIN CITIES & WESTERN RAILROAD COM	45,066.86
WELTSCH EQUIPMENT INC	2,804.48
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATE	34,519.92
WIESE USA INC	2,665.85
ZIEGLER INC	4,437.33
35 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	17,793.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>811,794.37</b>

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for MnDOT District 8’s funding application for a roundabout at the intersection of MN 19 and CSAH 1/Airport Road in Redwood Falls.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award the salt bid for the 2025-2026 season to Blackstrap, Inc at \$89.00/ton (\$44,500 for 500 ton).

Other Bids Received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Independent Salt Co.	\$90.45 per ton
Johnson Feed, Inc.	\$90.62 per ton
Central Salt	\$91.23 per ton
Compass Minerals	\$97.26 per ton

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to revoke Professional Engineering Contract with Collins Engineers, Inc. due to the approved primary consultant leaving the firm.

**RECORDER**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2024-2025 Recorder’s Annual Compliance Report, with 3,107 total compliant documents at 100% compliant.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Extraction Interim Use Permit #6-25 for Brey Tiling/Doris Cauwels to re-permit existing gravel pit in section 14 of Underwood Township.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit #6-25 filed by Albrecht Wind Energy on behalf of FNR LLC to construct two 19.9 kW wind turbines to power two hog barns.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Condition Use Permit #7-25 filed by Albrecht Wind Energy on behalf of Fultz Farms Inc to construct two 19.9 kW wind turbines to power six hog barns.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to increase the Septic Loan fund by \$100,00 and increase the interest rate to 4% for new loans to be funded from the general fund.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve disbursement agreement of Grant Proceeds with the State of Minnesota for the Plum Creek Park expansion project.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve disbursement agreement of Grant Proceeds with Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area for the One Watershed One Plan grant for the Cottonwood River Watershed.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve estimate from Trent Baker construction of Walnut Grove for a new steel roof on the lower shelter in Plum Creek Park in the amount of \$12,781.80.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve quote for vault toilet purchase for Plum Creek Park from Boom Concrete in the amount of \$40,519.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
CXT	\$65,116, \$71,811, \$78,201

\*Van Hee left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

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

WHEREAS, an anonymous donor wishes to donate \$1,000 to Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Office will utilize the donation of \$1,000 to help

local veterans in need.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of the anonymous donor in supporting the Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of the \$1,000 check from the anonymous donor to the Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

## ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Data Subjects Policy and Public Data Policy.

### *Personnel*

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve moving forward with a private carrier for MN Paid Family Medical Leave.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve request to submit application to the State of Minnesota for a private insurance carrier to administer MN Paid Family Medical Leave for Redwood County.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring Chloe Ramthun as Correctional Officer LELS Non-Licensed CO/Step 1 \$23.92 effective August 11, 2025, and acknowledge the resignation of Rex Lund Correctional Officer, effective August 22, 2025.

### *Safety*

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Service Contract with Southwest Glass Center for installation of handicap accessible doors at the Highway Department in the amount of \$7,843 to be paid out of the building fund.

## COMMISSIONERS

- The Board discussed the HF2245/SF107 Shotgun Zone for Deer Hunting.

Wakefield: Ditch Authority

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, Western Mental Health, Nurse Family Partnership, A.C.E., Planning & Zoning

Groebner: Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Redwood Historical Society, Friends of Gilfillan, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Ditch Authority 5 & 6 meetings

Theis: Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Ditch Authority

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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