

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

September 16, 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, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Maintenance Director Loren Gewerth, Emergency Management Director Jim Sandgren, Land Use and Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Redwood County Fair Board member Kirby Josephson, Area II Executive Director Kerry Netzke, North Hero Township Chair Jay Swanson, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Jason Overby and Mitch Kling, Heather Koffler.

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 September 16 agenda.

Chair Wakefield 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 Salfer, second by Theis, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00.
- On motion Groebner, second by Theis, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - September 2nd Minutes
 - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 297,870.26
Building Fund	\$ 7,885.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 271,613.14
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 10,515.40
Soil & Water	\$ 955.60
Debt Service Fund	\$ 149,646.88
EDA	\$ 494.70
R & B Fund	\$ 94,200.00
Insurance	\$ 436.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOULDER CREEK INC	158,255.75

COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,853.00
COUNTY OF JACKSON - SHERIFF	6,568.36
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	64,236.22
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	3,528.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	8,267.01
ISG	81,295.95
KRAMER LAW OFFICE	2,730.00
LIFESTYLE LANDSCAPE LLC	7,885.00
LITZAU FARM DRAINAGE INC	159,871.22
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	5,302.51
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	27,928.68
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	9,643.51
TKDA	2,100.00
TRENT BAKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	2,200.00
U.S. BANK CHARLOTTE	254,346.88
WEELBORG FORD INC	3,419.62
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,770.00
60 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	23,040.27
Final Total:	833,241.98

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Henry Borgstrom, Deputy Sheriff II, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and August 2025 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,512,129.37.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	14,461.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	39,167.57
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	31,275.45
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	34,954.81
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	58,251.66
PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	2,118.76
REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	3,632.95
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,412.26
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,325.23
STATE OF MINNESOTA	17,062.68
STATE OF MINNESOTA	35,249.33
STATE OF MINNESOTA	5,656.86
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,029.89
STATE OF MINNESOTA	22,546.11
STATE OF MINNESOTA	27,245.84
STATE OF MINNESOTA	15,349.66
STATE OF MINNESOTA	52,872.40
STATE OF MINNESOTA	43,222.09
STATE OF MINNESOTA	9,011.73
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,128.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	27,813.99
STATE OF MINNESOTA	30,261.43
STATE OF MINNESOTA	17,108.19
STATE OF MINNESOTA	21,666.97
STATE OF MINNESOTA	35,050.31

STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,285.29
STATE OF MINNESOTA	43,209.71
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,717.10
STATE OF MINNESOTA	49,566.50
WEX LEAP	7,838.62
30 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	13,412.76
Final Total:	818,905.15

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JD PLUMBING & HEATING &	15,000.00
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,697.00
11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,026.30
Final Total:	22,723.30

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,488.87
MR PAVING & EXCAVATING INC	313,520.27
12 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,213.68
Final Total:	317,222.82

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	55,595.42
10 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,596.01
Final Total:	58,191.43

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	10,631.58
PRAHM CONSTRUCTION INC	117,804.75
2 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	582.63
Final Total:	129,018.96

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHRIS KNIGHT EXCAV & VICKI FRIEDRIC	21,562.50
JD PLUMBING & HEATING & DOUGLAS ZE	9,000.00
9 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	4,492.50
Final Total:	35,055.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AREA II MN RIVER BASIN PROJECT	20,070.50
REDWOOD-COTTONWOOD RIVERS CON	23,938.54
WAHL/MATTHEW	79,132.80
4 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,331.65
Final Total:	126,473.49

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	121.98
Final Total:	121.98

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	3,078.00
9 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,339.24

Final Total: 4,417.24

PLANNING & ZONING

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application for Condition Use Permit #8-25 from M.J Electric, LLC to construct a temporary construction laydown yard for use during construction of the Xcel Energy transmission line project.

MAINTENANCE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Contract with Lifestyle Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$7,885.00.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement with the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$19,690.00.

REDWOOD COUNTY FAIR BOARD

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 funding increase request of \$5,000 to the Redwood County Fair Board.

AREA II

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to fund \$25,000 to the North Hero 34 Road Retention project using buffer funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

WHEREAS, TAMARA BANKS AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE, wishes to donate \$100, DAKTRONICS wishes to donate \$50, and SCHULT HOMES wishes to donate \$500 to The Redwood County Economic Development Office; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Office will utilize the donation of \$650 for the purpose to purchase flower bouquets for the Redwood County RCCIP Child Care Appreciation Event; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of these donors in supporting the Redwood County Economic Development office and local child care providers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$650 from the donors to the Redwood County Economic Development Authority, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for Southwest Regional Development Commission for the MN DEED Small Business Assistance Partnerships Grant Program.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for the Small Business Development Center for the MN DEED Small Business Assistance Partnerships Grant Program.

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER

- Overby presented the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water 2024 Audit to the Board.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- Entered Ditch Authority at 10:08 a.m.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to Set a Hearing date for the proposed 2026 ditch levy amounts for October 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 10:09 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water system.
- The Board reviewed the jail population for August 2025.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set the Redwood County 2026 Preliminary Property Tax Levy at \$20,065,928 with the adjusted tax levy set at \$19,157,499 representing a 5.0% increase from the 2025 levy.

Personnel

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Jay Snyder, Assistant Building Maintenance Supervisor, effective September 11, 2025.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 renewal of BlueCross BlueShield MN Sr. Gold Medicare Supplemental Insurance Plans for Redwood County retirees.

COMMISSIONERS

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to set a Public Forum to discuss the Shotgun Zone for Deering Hunting for November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Salfer: Annual Township meeting, Highway Safety, Planning & Zoning

Wakefield: Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, Annual Township meeting, Explore Southwest MN, Economic Development

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Annual Township Meeting

Theis: Annual Township meeting

Van Hee: Annual Township meeting, Primewest, AMC Fall Policy Conf., MN Rural Counties

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator