

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

May 5, 2026

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 Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, Dennis Groebner, Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Highway Engineer Nick Klisch, Technology Director Paul Parsons, Plum Creek Library System Elizabeth Hoffman, Maintenance Superintendent Jamie Larsen, Highway Maintenance Specialist Justin Stoks, Maintenance Supervisor Dylan Albertson, Guard and Reserve ESGR Region 5 Chair Doug Broich.

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 May 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 Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - Amended April 7<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> Board Minutes
  - Bills

General Fund	\$ 154,881.51
Building Fund	\$ 5,802.61
Ditch Fund	\$ 23.09
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 1,872.53

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	13,911.77
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>13,911.77</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BEHREND/MARK	2,905.25
CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	38,443.66
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	58,888.33
DAHL/WESLEY STEVEN	2,460.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	7,266.06

G & R CONTROLS INC	10,893.40
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	4,566.73
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	2,784.30
REDSTONE TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,250.00
STARK PRINTING INC DBA HENLE PRINTI	9,388.38
23 Payments less than 2000	8,787.86
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>148,633.97</b>

- Per Diem approval for Van Hee was removed from the agenda with no approval.

#### **AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgment for parcel 88-423-0860.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to settle excess surplus proceeds from the tax forfeited sale held on October 20, 2025, for parcel 58-010-3060 in the amount of \$17,990.56.

#### **SHERIFF**

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

WHEREAS, Russell Baumann wishes to donate \$100.00 to Redwood County Sheriff's Office and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will utilize the donation of \$100.00 for the purpose of the K9 program and/or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Russell Baumann in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff's Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100.00 from Russell Baumann to the Redwood County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of the County.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement to sponsor IDEAg in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2026 FarmFest Exhibitor Lounge.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Plum Creek Park Improvement project change order #3 on Contract with Boulder Creek Inc. in the amount of \$26,768.00

**PLUM CREEK LIBRARY**

- Hoffman gave an update to the Board on the annual report for Plum Creek Library System.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2027 fiscal year Plum Creek Library System request of \$3,250.00 for the purchase of eBooks and Audiobooks.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge bills in the amount of \$357,830.32.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOLTON & MENK INC	16,533.50
COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD - HIGHWAY	32,628.64
KECK TREE SERVICE	31,500.00
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	150,000.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	5,411.10
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL LLC	2,950.52
RTS LLC	3,507.00
RUFFRIDGE-JOHNSON EQUIPMENT CO I	3,144.35
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES EAST LLC	8,417.28
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATE	89,069.75
ZIEGLER INC	2,997.28
30 Payments less than 2000	11,670.90
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>357,830.32</b>

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meal reimbursements in the amount of \$87.70.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bid for CSAH 115 reconstruction project (contingent on Contract award by City of Sanborn) to R & R Excavating of Hutchinson, MN for the County portions in the amount of \$181,009.46.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve MOA with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office for the replacement of Bridge #89850 (Goldmine Bridge), over the Minnesota River.
- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve 3-year farm lease agreement for haying with Todd Lechner for 3.75 acres at the museum property.
- Highway Department was presented with the Patriotic Employer Award by Doug Broich who is Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve ESGR Region 5 Chair.

**ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2026 budget adjustments due to the installation of the new cloud-based telephone system.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Facility Use Agreement for Southwest WIC Regional meeting on June 3, 2026.

### *Personnel*

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge hiring Stephanie Backer as Assistant Veteran Services Officer for Veterans Service Office on 2026 AFSCME Salary Schedule Grade 10/Step 1 at \$27.99.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Red Cedar Consulting Fee terms.

### COMMISSIONERS

Salfer: Wind Energy, Western Mental Health, Nurse Family Partnership

Wakefield: Rural Child Care Innovation Program

Van Hee: United Community Action Partnership, Law Library

- Recessed meeting at 9:54 a.m.
- Reconvened meeting at 12:30 p.m.

### DITCH AUTHORITY- JD 33- YELLOW MEDICINE AND REDWOOD COUNTY

- The Board reconstituted the Joint Drainage Board with Yellow Medicine County with Wakefield, Groebner, and Theis as Redwood County designees, and Antony and Renneke as Yellow Medicine County designees.
- Wakefield called the JD 33 Drainage Authority meeting to order.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to designate Commissioner Wakefield of Redwood County as the presiding officer for the joint meeting.
- Kale R. Van Bruggen from Rinke Noonan Law Firm gave a Minn. Statue 103E.235 Overview.
- At a duly noticed and public meeting of the Redwood County Board of Commissioners held in joint session with the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2026, acting as a member of the joint county drainage authority under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E for Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint Ditch 33, after a presentation by drainage authority staff,
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, in a roll call vote with Theis, Salfer, Wakefield, and Groebner in a roll call vote with all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.235, subdivision 2, a public drainage system established or benefitting land in two or more counties requires the formation of a joint county drainage authority board consisting of five members, with at least one member from each county board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint Ditch 33 drainage system (“JD 33”) presently benefits lands in Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties and the existing Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for JD 33 presently consists of three members from the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, and two members from the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the records for the initial formation of the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for JD 33 are either incomplete in that members appointed to the original Joint County Drainage Authority may no longer be members of the respective member Boards of Commissioners, or no provisions for determining the selection of members to fill vacancies was made, or the records are otherwise lost or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners and the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners desire to reconstitute its members to the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority with three members of the joint county drainage authority being from the Redwood County Board of Commissioners and two members of the joint county drainage authority being from the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners, with Redwood County designated as the majority county; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the membership of the joint county drainage authority must be filled by joint action of the Boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Redwood County Board of Commissioners appoints the following members for all future proceedings of the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for JD 33:

Groebner (Redwood County, District 3)

Wakefield (Redwood County, District 1)

Theis (Redwood County, District 5)

2. That future vacancies on the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for JD 33 from Redwood County shall be filled by the successor Commissioners from the Districts indicated herein.

3. That since a majority of land benefited by JD 33 is located within Redwood County, Redwood County shall be the “majority” county under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E.

4. That the Resolution to Re-Confirm & Ratify Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for Redwood Yellow Medicine JD 33, Confirming Selection of Members to the Joint County Drainage Authority Board, Determining Selection of Members to Fill Vacancies, and Designating Majority County proposed for adoption by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners concurrent with this Resolution, which appoints Commissioners Antony (Yellow Medicine County, District 4), and Renneke (Yellow

Medicine County, District 1), to the Redwood Yellow Medicine Joint County Drainage Authority for JD 33, shall be hereby approved, confirmed, and cross-ratified by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners for the re-constitution of the joint county drainage authority and for fulfilling all future vacancies by and through the process described herein.

5. That this Resolution and the concurrent Resolution adopted by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners, together with the joint meeting held on May 5, 2026, shall constitute the joint meeting directed under Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.235, subdivision 2.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Drainage Authority was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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