

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

April 21, 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 Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Engineer Nick Klisch, Greg Anderson, Jim Weideman, Dean & Evelyn Huhnerkoch, Mike Anderson, Bruce, Rigge, Kyle Jarcho, Ethan Jensen, Dean Zimmerli. Participants of Boys & Girls County Day. Commissioner Theis absent.

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 April 21 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 Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following
 - April 7th Minutes
 - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 134,340.28
Building Fund	\$ 6,583.80
Ditch Fund	\$ 12,403.90
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 246.13
Soil & Water	\$ 1,380.00
EDA	\$ 1,365.49
R & B Fund	\$ 220.61
State Revenue	\$ 1,080.00
Insurance	\$ 468.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ACE OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	10,532.00
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	6,016.98
ASCENSUS	2,300.00
CELLEBRITE	9,261.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	9,290.69
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	9,464.04

HENRICKSEN & COMPANY INC	6,583.80
ISG	10,387.40
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	3,150.80
PLAN IT SOFTWARE LLC	2,625.00
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	6,446.83
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINN	26,050.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	13,059.88
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,936.51
80 Payments less than 2000	28,455.05
Final Total:	156,552.98

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and March 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,560,191.87.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	83,953.19
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	47,634.23
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	24,678.21
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	19,672.08
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,218.57
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	5,871.72
METLIFE	4,922.81
METLIFE	5,622.73
METLIFE	4,620.53
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	61,503.69
PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	3,072.80
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,226.07
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	5,938.61
STATE OF MINNESOTA	92,657.64
STATE OF MINNESOTA	72,302.10
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,723.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	30,996.87
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,675.26
STATE OF MINNESOTA	24,393.81
STATE OF MINNESOTA	33,288.88
STATE OF MINNESOTA	54,273.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,327.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,624.28
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,699.54
STATE OF MINNESOTA	21,802.64
STATE OF MINNESOTA	29,310.20
STATE OF MINNESOTA	6,499.25
STATE OF MINNESOTA	47,732.84
STATE OF MINNESOTA	67,490.86
STATE OF MINNESOTA	28,768.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	59,463.26
STATE OF MINNESOTA	52,959.53
STATE OF MINNESOTA	36,738.15
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,766.83
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,417.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,365.85
STATE OF MINNESOTA	42,668.68

WEX LEAP	10,876.89
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26 Payments less than 2000	6,639.98
Final Total:	1,248,286.35
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MINNESOTA VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS	21,667.80
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	3,839.00
7 Payments less than 2000	3,338.37
Final Total:	28,845.17
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8 Payments less than 2000	4,249.01
Final Total:	4,249.01
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	4,922.81
10 Payments less than 2000	1,632.01
Final Total:	6,554.82
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DEERE & COMPANY	214,037.72
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	18,945.53
6 Payments less than 2000	1,031.57
Final Total:	234,014.82
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12 Payments less than 2000	2,374.30
Final Total:	2,374.30
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4 Payments less than 2000	2,182.29
Final Total:	2,182.29
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ENERGY SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC	23,868.98
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,081.60
3 Payments less than 2000	1,199.42
Final Total:	27,150.00
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15 Payments less than 2000	6,535.11
Final Total:	6,535.11

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Housing Trust Fund Loan Agreement with Peterson Family Properties LLC.
- Holtberg updated the Board on current EDA projects including Broadband, Housing Trust Fund, and Childcare.

BOYS & GIRLS COUNTY DAY

- Redwood County students entered the Board meeting at various times representing Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Redwood Area, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove School Districts.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve meal and parking reimbursement for Redwood County Engineer Nick Klisch for Transportation Day at the Capital on February 19, 2026, in the amount of \$10.85 and parking reimbursement at the Transportation Conference March 18th and 19th in the amount of \$27.47.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract with Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC for 2026 striping in the amount of \$122,150.47.

Other Bids received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Vogel Traffic Services Inc.	\$152,756.16

ADMINISTRATION

- Kletscher reviewed the Sentence to Service quarterly report for January-March 2026.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Van Hee, Waekfield, and Groebner all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, MN Statute 163.07 declares that the County Board may appoint a new County Engineer for a term of only one year, and

WHEREAS, Nick Klisch was appointed as Redwood County Engineer to a one-year term ending April 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has recommended to the County Board of Commissioners that Nick Klisch be reappointed as County Engineer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Redwood, Minnesota, that, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 163.07 that Nick Klisch be and hereby is appointed to a four-year term beginning May 1, 2026, and continuing through April 30, 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included with the personnel file held by the County Administrator’s Office.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Van Hee, Wakefield, and Groebner 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, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Anderson resigned as a Commissioner on March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the RRR WS Board of Commissioners conducted a search to replace Leslie Anderson; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026 the RRRWS Board of Commissioner unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Andy Geiger replace Leslie Anderson on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned County Board of Commissioners believe that Andy Geiger is qualified to act as a Commissioner on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners and is worthy of appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Andy Geiger be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes § 116A et seq. to complete Leslie Anderson's term which is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2028.

Personnel

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and LELS Non-Licensed Group #114 from 4 to 8 hours of floating holiday.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the termination of Mandy Rathman as dispatcher from the Sheriff's Office effective April 7, 2026.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- Entered Ditch Authority at 10:01 a.m.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the DNR Commissioner's Advisory Report.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner the Board voted unanimously to approve the Engineer's Report.
- Behrens presented the viewers report.
- The Board heard the testimonies of interested people.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee the Board voted unanimously to Continue Public Hearing on County Ditch 20 to May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from July 15, 2025, and March 17, 2026.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 11:40 a.m.
- Reconvened regular meeting at 11:40 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Salfer: EDA, Southwest Health & Human Services, Personnel, Wind 101

Wakefield: EDA, Plum Creek Park, Hazard Mitigation, Opioid Settlement, Southwest Health & Human Services, Plum Creek Library Systems, Negotiations

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Minnesota Valley Railroad Authority

Van Hee: Fair Board, District 8 ATP, Wind 101, Redwood County Soil & Water Conservation District

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator