

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 15, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, Jack Stone, Mark Foldesi and Russell Walker. Also present were members of the media.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Orris Rasmussen. Commissioner Stone presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board discussed protocol for adding items to the agenda after it has been finalized and made public. It was decided to remove the 10:30 a.m. appointment from the agenda that had been added as an addition to the agenda on Monday March 14, 2005. It was decided that revisions to the agenda should come before the full Board for approval on the day of the scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

Kelmar Kvien met with the Board on behalf of the Lost River Snowmobile Club. The Lost River Snowmobile Club is requesting support from the Roseau County Board in regard to the Lost River State Forest trail system and shelters within the forest. The Club is requesting that the Lost River State Forest be included in the County's effort to have the Beltrami Island State Forest re-classified as managed. The Club would also like the Board to support their efforts to have the shelter leases, that will be terminated effective March 31, 2005, extended. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-01

WHEREAS, snowmobile shelter leases in the Lost River State Forest have been in existence for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, these shelters enhance recreational activities for the constituents of Roseau County and surrounding areas who utilize the Lost River State Forest; and

WHEREAS, these shelters provide public safety and convenience for Lost River State Forest users; and

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board does not believe this matter has been appropriately studied and public input has not been factored into the decision to terminate the shelter leases; and

WHEREAS, local units of government, local citizens, and the Lost River Snowmobile Club are interested in being included in the planning process and are willing to collaborate with the Department of Natural Resources in resolving any concerns associated with continued use of the State Forest area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board does hereby request that the Department of Natural Resources Department of Forestry delay action on lease

termination and in-fact extend said leases until the long range plan for the Lost River State Forest is complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board encourages the Department of Natural Resources to work with local units of government, local citizens, and the Lost River Snowmobile Club to reach a mutually beneficial result.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board does hereby request that the Department of Natural Resources postpone the scheduled destruction date of March 31, 2005 until this matter has been resolved.

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board. Ms. Granitz requested that the Board approve the Warroad Estates Golf Course request for an on-sale intoxicating liquor and Sunday liquor license for 2005. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby grants an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to Warroad Estates Golf Course, Inc. (Jana Thompson), with license fee set at \$500 plus an additional \$100, fee set by the Lake Town Board, and also grants a Sunday license, with license fee set at \$125, for license year ending January 31, 2006, and recommends that said license be approved by the Minnesota Liquor Control Director.

Ms. Granitz discussed the annual lease of forfeited land. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby authorize the Roseau County Auditor to request bids for lease of tax forfeited land in Roseau County for agriculture purposes.

Ms. Granitz requested the Board set the date for the 2005 County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the 2005 County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for **JUNE 14, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Ms. Granitz distributed Cash Balance sheets to the Board for review. The Board discussed the 2005 gopher bounty. Ms. Granitz requested clarification regarding the appropriate entity to pay the bounty to depending upon whether the gopher bounty was requested in an organized or unorganized township. Ms. Granitz also requested clarification on how to pay a gopher bounty request that had gophers from both 2004 and 2005 on the invoice. The Board directed Ms. Granitz to research the matter further and return to the Board later in the meeting.

The Board discussed how to compensate Marshall County Veteran's Service Officer Roy Nordby who has served a number of Roseau County Veterans due to the vacancy of this position in Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize a \$100 per diem for Veteran's Service work provided by Veteran's Service Officers from outside Roseau County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize mileage and meal reimbursement according to Roseau County policy.

Roseau County Soil and Water Manager Scott Johnson met with the Board. The Board had previously discussed increasing the number of people on the Noxious Weed Appeal Committee and had directed Mr. Johnson research the matter and return to the Board with recommendations. Mr. Johnson presented the names of Glenn Darst and Arnie Heggedal to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Walker presented the name of Timothy O'Donnell as a representative from the east end of the County. Commissioner Foldesi presented the name of Greg Broten as a representative from the northwest part of the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint the following members to the Noxious Weed Appeal Committee: Glenn Darst, Arne Heggedal, Timothy O'Donnell and Greg Broten.

Mr. Johnson discussed with the Board the 2005 Roseau County Dead Livestock Pickup Policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-07

WHEREAS, The Pembina Trail Resource Conservation & Development Association has agreed to coordinate the 2005 Spring Dead Livestock Collection Program; and

WHEREAS, the pickup fee for 2005 will be \$90.00 per stop for 4000 pounds or less, plus \$2.50 for each 100 pounds over 4000; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County agrees to participate in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby agree to pay 50% of the 2005 dead livestock pickup fee with a cap of \$2,191.00.

The Board acknowledged correspondence received from the Lake of the Woods Soil & Water Conservation District office addressed to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requesting input into forest planning as the Wetland Conservation Act designated representative in Lake of the Woods County. The Board requested Mr. Johnson write a similar letter on behalf

of the Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that he would be happy to draft such a letter.

Commissioner Rasmussen recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Sarah Schrapp met with the Board on behalf of the City Library Advisory Board. Ms. Schrapp reviewed the 2004 library usage report and shared some good news regarding funding of the Public Library system in Roseau County which includes a \$5,742 increased appropriation from Roseau County, nearly \$2000 in increased funding from the City of Roseau and nearly \$5000 in unexpected donations. On average the Roseau Public Library serves 89 people a day who check out an average of 133 items. Rod Kjersten spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Library thanking the Board for their additional appropriation in 2004.

Northwest Regional Library Director Barb Jauquet-Kalinowski spoke to the Board regarding the 2005 library system budget needs. Ms. Jauquet-Kalinowski gave an overview of the regional library system and discussed how libraries are funded and managed. It was noted that the NW Regional Library Board passed a resolution that will become effective January 1, 2008 which states that they will no longer allow Friends of the Library organization donations to be used to support operational expenses. Ms. Kalinowski explained that donations from Friends of the Library are designed to help fund programs and materials. Expecting this group to fund the actual operation of the library is an inappropriate use of those funds but unfortunately has become a necessity in Roseau County. On average the Friends of the Library cover 5% of the operational expense of the library. Ms. Jauquet-Kalinowski informed the Board that she will be working to renew the Northwest Regional Library Agreement with participating cities and the County. Components of this agreement include committing to pay at least the minimum Maintenance of Effort amount and agreeing to not decrease funding. This agreement has not been renewed in eight years and it would be helpful in budgeting for the future if Northwest Regional Library system knew what funding they could count on from year to year. Ms. Jauquet-Kalinowski also discussed other funding options such as funding by tax capacity, usage and per capita basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve proceedings from the January 11, 2005; January 26, 2005; February 1, 2005; and February 15, 2005 Board meetings.

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to request approval to call for bids on a number of projects. The first project is grading, aggregate surfacing and culvert installation on CSAH No. 13 from TH 11 north and east to CR 137. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-08

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on SAP 68-613-14 and SAP 68-613-15 on CSAH No. 13.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid opening is scheduled for April 26, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in the Roseau County Courthouse Board meeting room.

The second project is bituminous overlay of CSAH No 2, 3, and 73. A component of this project is to resolve the water problem in the City of Badger at the intersection of CSAH No. 2 and CSAH No. 73. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on SAP 602-35, 68-603-21 and 68-673-04.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid opening is scheduled for April 26, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in the Roseau County Courthouse Board meeting room.

The third project is slope repair, sediment removal and seeding on County Ditch No. 17 (Branch 1) and State Ditch No. 20. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on FEMA DR-1288 Disaster PW No. 266 and State Ditch No. 20 FEMA DR-1288 Disaster PW No. 260.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid opening is scheduled for April 26, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in the Roseau County Courthouse Board meeting room.

Engineer Ketring informed the Board that on March 9, 2005 Morris Hulst was presented an Award of Excellence for "The Outstanding Local Government Employee" by the Director of the Department of Public Safety. Only one employee is selected in the entire state to receive this award and the staff of the Department of Public Safety selects the individual for this recognition. Mr. Ketring noted that this is quite an honor not just for Morris Hulst but for Roseau County. The Board extended their congratulations to Morris Hulst for receiving this award and expressed their appreciation for his work and efforts as an ambassador for Roseau County in his dealings with the many public agencies he interfaces with on behalf of Roseau County.

Ms. Granitz returned to the Board to discuss the 2005 Pocket Gopher Bounty. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote:

2005-03-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to M.S., Sec. 348.13, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a bounty of \$2.00 for each pocket gopher killed in said county during the year 2005, to be paid to the Township Chairman or City Clerk to be disbursed to the person or persons entitled thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the claimant for bounty upon pocket gophers killed in an unorganized township shall produce proof thereof to the county commissioner serving that unorganized township and that the County Auditor be and hereby is authorized to pay such bounty to such claimant, upon approval by the county commissioner, as follows:

For pocket gophers killed in 2004, \$1.00 paid from the unorganized township fund and \$1.00 paid from the pocket gopher account in the revenue fund; and for pocket gophers killed in 2005, \$1.00 paid from the unorganized township fund and \$2.00 paid from the pocket gopher account in the revenue fund.

Auditor Granitz presented auditor warrants and commissioner warrants for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of auditor warrants and commissioner warrants as follows:

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
672.97	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	638.19	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES
624.75	ARROWWOOD RESORT & CONFERENCE	2074.30	BALLARD MOTOR CO
305.03	CULLIGAN	1120.69	D & L AUTO GLASS INC
1116.00	DELL MARKETING LP	543.51	DORN TONY INC
690.00	EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION INC	1356.31	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
5302.79	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	1916.45	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
965.37	FLEET SUPPLY	634.95	GRAINGER INC
316.31	GRAND FORKS GROCERY FOOD SERV	468.17	GREENBUSH CITY
1595.00	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	579.72	HORVATH JOE
648.00	HOUSE ARREST SERVICES INC	23482.94	HOUSTON ENGINEERING
3621.36	JOHNSON OIL CO INC	10542.00	KAMAR SOLID WASTE FUND
3318.25	KITTSOON CO AUDITOR	1877.50	KJERSTEN CLAIRE
18796.00	KRAUS ANDERSON	653.00	LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC
25913.25	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	495.03	MATHISON COMPANY
1065.00	MINNESOTA'S BOOKSTORE	11572.28	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP
600.00	MN DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	469.76	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
425.00	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY	882.87	NORTHLAND TIRE
363.88	PELOWSKI JEFF	343.50	POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC
521.28	ROSEAU CITY	441.50	ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS
970.33	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	603.25	ROSEAU CO HOME HEALTH CARE INC
1550.00	SAFETY COMPLIANCE SERVICES	418.00	SIKORSKI SHANON
2435.25	SJOBORG'S INC	505.88	SPIELMAN RADIO
28176.49	STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPT OF COR	828.90	SVL SERVICE CORPORATION
556.57	TOWN OF MORANVILLE	921.43	U SAVE FOODS
309.40	VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	657.08	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER
1308.70	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	625.08	WILSON BROS INC
	75 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	8,519.71	
	****	FINAL TOTAL..... \$175,338.98	****

And that the summary of auditor warrants be approved as follows including one forthwith claim:

February 7, 2005	\$ 15,633.18
February 24, 2005	\$ 873,000.98
March 3, 2005	\$ 37,174.13
March 10, 2005	\$ 94,739.46
March 15, 2005	\$ 586.30 (forthwith)

The Board discussed Committee on Aging Appointments. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Orville Olson to replace District 1 Representative Judy Biskop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Colette Roth to Represent District 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Glen Johnson to Represent the City of Roseau.

The Board discussed officially adding Rhonda Hanson as a member of the Roseau County Insurance Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Rhonda Hanson to the Roseau County Insurance Committee as a Highway Department Representative.

The Board discussed the VEBA Medical Retirement Survey results. The Courthouse Employee Group including Social Services and the Highway Department Employee Group both voted in favor of establishing a VEBA Medical Account with a contribution of 50% of the sick leave payout. Coordinator Harren will work with the Northwest Service Coop to get this account established before our next scheduled employee retirement. Only one survey was returned from the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Harren will re-survey this group once labor negotiations are complete to determine their interest in participating in this plan.

Commissioner Johnston informed the board that he had been invited to the Northwest Minnesota Manufacture's Association in Warroad scheduled for this evening, March 15, 2005. He noted he had been invited as a representative for Roseau County as our Veteran's Service Officer position is currently vacant. He requested the Board approve his attendance at this meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Commissioner Johnston to attend the Northwest Minnesota Manufacture's Association in Warroad on March 15, 2005.

The Board met with County Attorney Michelle Moren to discuss pending litigation with Aquila. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2004-03-15

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2(b) states that "meetings may be closed if the closure is expressly authorized by statute or permitted by the attorney-client privilege"; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County has been named in a pending civil legal action pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.39; and

WHEREAS, the County Board seeks to meet with its attorney to obtain advice regarding litigating this matter or accepting the settlement proposal; and

WHEREAS, it would be detrimental to the interests of the County for the Board to hold a public discussion with its attorney regarding the strengths and weaknesses of its legal position(s), strategy, and settlement position where an opposing party or opposing attorney could listen to or be made aware of the County's positions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County for the Board to obtain legal advice in a confidential setting to maintain the attorney-client privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby closes this meeting for consideration of the above stated legal matter subject to its authority pursuant to the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b);

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-16

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Attorney Michelle Moren has advised the Board that it is in their best interest to accept the settlement offered to Roseau County as part of a statewide settlement between City and County governments and Aquila; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the legal advice of Roseau County Attorney Michelle Moren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the settlement offer and agrees to pay \$26,770 to Aquila as a property tax refund.

Ms. Moren asked the Board when the Assistant County Attorney hiring decision could be discussed. Ms. Moren noted that it had been three weeks since the interviews and she wanted this process expedited as she is in need of help and due to the workload has been unable to take even a sick day. Coordinator Harren informed Ms. Moren that she would schedule a meeting of the hiring committee and would contact her as soon as possible with a date and time.

The Board discussed the upcoming vacancy of the Warroad Fire Hall building due to the construction of a new Public Safety Building. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Coordinator Harren to write a letter of inquiry to the City of Warroad asking their intended future use of the Warroad Fire Hall and expressing interest in the building should they be interested in selling.

The Board discussed the Borgen Building. Commissioner Foldesi stated that he had been contacted by Gwen Borgen regarding the County's interest in purchasing this building. The Board directed Commissioner Foldesi and Commissioner Walker to complete their previously authorized feasibility study and to coordinate a meeting with the various interested parties to see if an agreement could be reached.

The Board discussed Northwest Community Action's request to approve a resolution to support their Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program Grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-18

WHEREAS, the need for homeless prevention and assistance exists in Roseau County; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. desires to administer the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Community Action desires to deliver Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program services in Roseau County; and

WHEREAS, in order to administer the Program, it is necessary for Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. to file a resolution of approval signed by the Roseau County Board of Commissioners with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is authorized to:

1. Submit a proposal to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for funds from the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program to assist people in Roseau County; and
2. Administer the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in Roseau County, according to guidelines and contingent upon funds being granted.

Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Walker discussed the Tri-County Road & Trail Access Meeting they attended in Baudette on March 7, 2005. Coordinator Harren facilitated a strategic planning for those in attendance which included commissioners from Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, and Roseau counties and Mark Karl and Myles Hogenson from Polaris Industries. This group shared their information regarding the DNR planning process for the Beltrami Island State Forest and related matters, developed a short and long term vision, identified what is working well as well as what they need to do to continue doing accomplish their vision. Members committed to returning to their respective Boards to request approval for two Commissioners to serve as delegates to this Committee and one member to serve as an alternate. The members also committed to requesting a Board resolution from their respective Boards that would support

the recently introduced legislation in the House and Senate that would add managed back as an option in forest re-classification for those forests north of Highway 10. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Walker as delegates to the Northern Border Counties Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Stone, Rasmussen and Foldesi will serve as alternates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-20

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Senate has introduced the first reading of SF 1406, as introduced in the 84th legislative session (2005-2006);

WHEREAS, Sec. 1 subdivision 1 (FOREST CLASSIFICATION STATUS REVIEW) Paragraph (a) provides, "Except as provided in paragraph (d), by December 31, 2006, the commissioner of natural resources shall complete a review of the forest classification status of all state forests classified as managed or limited, all forest lands under the authority of the commissioner as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.001, subdivision 13, and lands managed by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 282.011. The review must be conducted on a forest by forest and area-by-area basis in accordance with the process and criteria under Minnesota Rules, part 6100.1950. After each forest is reviewed, the commissioner must change the status of the lands within each forest to limited or closed. The commissioner may classify portions of a forest as limited or closed. The commissioner must also provide a similar status for each of the other areas subject to review under this section after each individual review is completed";

WHEREAS, Sec. 1, subdivision 1 paragraph (d) provides, "This subdivision does not apply to forest lands north of U.S. Highway 2. All forest lands under the authority of the commissioner as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.001, subdivision 13, and lands managed by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 282.011, that are north of U.S. Highway 2 shall be classified as managed for the purpose of off-highway vehicle use";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board does hereby support SF No. 1406 as introduced in the first reading of the 84th Legislative Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-21

BE IT RESOLVED, that Roseau County will financially support the work of the Northern Border Counties Collaborative.

The Board acknowledged the support it has received from other counties, cities, and agencies, regarding its effort to improve the planning process and trail designation in the Beltrami Island State Forest. The most recent include letters and resolutions of support from Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board; City of Warroad; and Barnett and Cedarbend township boards.

The Board discussed attendance at the forest road meeting scheduled on March 18, 2005 with Greg Kvale, Lands & Roads Program Coordinator and other members of the Department of Natural Resources. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-22

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Commissioner Russell Walker and Commissioner Alan Johnston to attend the Forest Road Planning Committee meeting on March 18, 2005 at the Roseau County Courthouse.

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting facilitated by Northwest Regional Development Commission to discuss the DNR's request for a 70-mile ATV trail. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-23

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Commissioner Rasmussen and Commissioner Stone to attend the Northwest Regional Development planning meeting on March 21, 2005 in Thief River Falls.

The Board discussed sending representation to the Dick's Parkway discussion meeting in Bemidji on March 24, 2005. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-24

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Johnston, to attend the DNR Dick's Parkway Project discussion meeting in Bemidji on March 24, 2005.

The Board discussed Roseau County Jail project items. Jon Jensen met with the Board to discuss his frustration with ICON Architects, Inc. being removed from the agenda. Commissioner Johnston informed Mr. Jensen that ICON chose not to attend on their own after they were informed that Roseau County has already signed a contract with another architect. It would be an ethical violation on the part of both ICON as well as the Board to have met with ICON without first advising Klein-McCarthy Architects. Mr. Johnston informed Mr. Jensen that the appropriate protocol would be for the matter to be discussed by the Roseau County Jail Study Committee and then upon recommendation of that committee, ICON Architects, Inc. could possibly meet with the Jail Study Committee and the Committee of the Whole in a joint session. The Board agreed to defer further discussion to the Jail Study Committee.

The Board discussed decision items that had been discussed at the March 8, 2005, Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Jail Study Committee's recommendation to award the land survey bid to Floan-Sanders, Inc./CPS Limited Surveyors to complete an as-built survey of the property to be used and included in the Construction Documents at a cost of \$7,400 (not-to-exceed hourly basis).

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-26

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Jail Study Committee's recommendation for mechanical equipment concept and fuel source selections as follows:

Jail: Two boilers, 1 off-peak electric (primary) and 1 firm gas back-up.

Social Services Building: Firm gas boiler(s) including inside air handling unit(s) (AHU), variable air volume (VAV) distribution/controls and perimeter fin tube radiation (FTR).

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Jail Study Committee's recommendation of an electrical emergency power back-up generator system (approximately 400kw capacity or less) to service the Roseau County Jail (not including electric boiler load) with some excess capacity for Emergency Operations Center(location to be determined) and/or Law Enforcement Center operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby direct Klein-McCarthy Architects, LTD to research the possibility of relocation and reuse of the existing Jail/LEC 30kw generator as appropriate.

The Board discussed changing the meeting date for the second regularly scheduled Roseau County Board meeting. Due to the Annual AMC Legislative Conference in St. Paul, three Commissioners and the Coordinator will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for March 29, 2005. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-28

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize re-scheduling the March 29, 2005 regularly scheduled meeting of the Roseau County Board to March 28, 2005 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Board discussed the hiring process for the Veteran's Service Officer position. The Board agreed to utilize the Minnesota Office of Veteran's Affairs hiring process and to designate Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Johnston and the County Coordinator as the hiring committee. Coordinator Harren noted that the position will officially close on Friday, March 11, 2005.

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that he has researched road records for Clearwater, Oaks, and America townships. He noted that, based on his research, common law road ownership would apply to a number of the roads in question. Commissioner Walker noted that he and Commissioner Rasmussen attended the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board meeting in Northhome on March 3, 2005. Chuck Spoden, MN DNR Regional Director, presented a conflict management pilot project that will be used in Koochiching County for the forest planning process. The Board discussed utilizing this process with other forest planning processes in northern Minnesota. The Board also discussed the pending impaired waters legislation that would mandate a county implemented fee and authorized correspondence to AMC opposing the legislation.

Commissioners Walker and Johnston, and County Engineer Brian Ketring attended a Joint Powers Natural Resource meeting in Bemidji on March 4, 2005. The meeting focused on road ownership designation.

Commissioners Walker and Johnston reported on the March 7, 2005 meeting of the Northern Border Counties Collaborative held in Lake of the Woods County. Commissioners from Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, and Roseau Counties and two representatives from Polaris Industries attended the meeting. The group will work together on issues that specifically impact these northern counties beginning with forest access issues.

Commissioner Stone reported on the Committee on Aging meeting he attended on March 14, 2005. He noted that a number of appointment changes have been made on the Committee. He also informed the Board that RCAT has purchased a new bus that will be stationed in Warroad. He noted that RCAT is financially solvent and that the new director, Steve Butler is doing an excellent job. The new office/garage building that will be grant funded is on schedule to begin construction this summer.

Commissioner Johnston informed the Board of information he learned at the Transportation Funding Forum he attended in St. Cloud on March 10, 2005. He noted that due to Minnesota's commitment to the use of ethanol, federal funding will increase by approximately \$200,000. However, due to the way this money is distributed within the state, it is possible the rural counties will actually receive less federal transportation funding.

Commissioner Johnston reminded the Board that and Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski will be attending the ISTS Conference in Duluth on March 16 and 17, 2005.

The Board discussed the Assistant County Attorney hiring decision. Three individuals were interviewed for the position and there are two finalists. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, to adopt the following motion:

2005-03-29

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby move to extend an offer of employment to Joe Judd for the position of Assistant Roseau County Attorney contingent upon the approval of the Roseau County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the County Attorney not support the Board decision of offering employment to Mr. Judd and/or Mr. Judd declines the offer of employment, that the Roseau County Board will utilize its prior practice of handling overflow work in the County Attorney's office.

Coordinator Harren was directed to inform Ms. Moren of the Board's action and, upon approval of Ms. Moren, contact candidate Judd and offer him the position of Assistant Roseau County Attorney.

Ms. Harren requested permission to attend the AMC Legislative Conference in St. Paul March 28-30, 2005. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-03-30

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Coordinator Harren to attend the Annual AMC Legislative Conference in St. Paul March 28-30, 2005.

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management RE: Morris Hulst Recipient of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Award of Excellence for Outstanding Local Government Employee; Minnesota Department of Human Services RE: Audit; Northwest Community Action RE: Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program Grant; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources RE: 70-Mile All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Request for Proposal; Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A. RE: Legal Opinion of Roseau County Road/Trail Resolutions; Northern Land Use Coordinating Board RE: Resolution and Letters of Support of Roseau County's Action Concerning BISF; City of Warroad RE: Letter to DNR Regarding Opposition to the Current DNR Re-Classification and Trail Designation Proposal; Barnett Township Board of Supervisors RE: Resolution in Support of Roseau County's Efforts to Oppose the Current DNR Re-Classification and Trail Designation Proposal; Cedarbend Township Board of Supervisors RE: Resolution in Support of Roseau County's Efforts to Oppose the Current DNR Re-Classification and Trail Designation Proposal; Mrs. Ardis Johnson RE: Concern Regarding United Nations Biological Diversity Treaty; Lake of the Woods Soil & Water Conservation District RE: Letter to DNR Regarding Soil & Water District Involvement in Forest Trail Planning; Marshall County Water and Land Office RE: Notice of Decision to Revise and Update the Marshall County Local Water Management Plan; Betty Hulst RE: Resign from Committee of Aging; Pembina Trail RC & D RE: Dead Livestock Pick-Up; Mylan & Wendy Loken RE: Mail Box Complaint. No action was taken.

Upon motion carried, Chairman Orris Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 2005.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa R. Harren
County Coordinator

Orris Rasmussen
Board Chairman