

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

July 23, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by County Board Chair Jack Swanson. Commissioners present were Mark Foldesi, Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, and Russell Walker. Commissioner Rasmussen was excused. Also present were Emergency Manager Gracia Nelson and Northwest Regional Development (NWRD) Hazard Mitigation Specialist Jennifer Olson.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting to conduct a public hearing to consider a plan to address hazard mitigation in Roseau County.

PUBLIC HEARING

Emergency Manager Gracia Nelson introduced NWRD Hazard Mitigation Specialist Jennifer Olson. Ms. Nelson explained that the All Hazard Plan has been developed in response to legislation passed by Congress in 2000. The Disaster Mitigation Act requires units of local government, such as cities, townships, and counties, to have a mitigation plan approved in order to receive grant money when a disaster occurs.

Ms. Olson explained that the purpose of the Roseau County Hazard Mitigation Plan is to access local, state and federal hazard mitigation resources to eliminate or minimize harm done to people, property, jobs, natural resources, and crops in Roseau County by natural or manmade hazards. A list of the potential hazards contained in the plan is as follows:

1. All hazards
2. Tornadoes
3. Winter storms
4. Summer storms
5. Flooding
6. Subsidence
7. Wild fires
8. Fire
9. Drought
10. Hazardous materials and contamination
11. Infectious disease
12. Terrorism

Ms. Olson explained that ongoing hazard mitigation activities contained in the plan are designed to break the cycle of disaster/repair and make possible a more sustainable future. The completion and adoption of the mitigation plan will allow Roseau County to remain eligible for disaster mitigation grant funding. According to FEMA, the cities of Greenbush, Badger, Roseau and Warroad must also adopt the mitigation plan to retain eligibility, or develop their own plan. Townships are covered under the county resolution. Failure to comply by any county

or local government unit means that unit will not be eligible for mitigation funding from FEMA and has the possibility of reduced recovery funding in the future.

Ms. Olson reviewed the four basic components of the plan. Section I provides a profile of Roseau County. Section II contains a hazard identification section and a Roseau County hazard history. Section III is a risk analysis of Roseau County. Section IV contains Roseau County's response to various hazards.

The Roseau County All Hazard Plan has been reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (MDHSEM). Ms. Olson informed the Board that the next step is for the Board to pass a resolution to formally adopt the plan. The next step will be for the cities of Greenbush, Badger, Roseau, and Warroad to adopt the plan.

No written or oral comments were received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to close the public hearing.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on July 24, 2007.

Attest:

Teresa Klein County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Jack Swanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota