

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker. Commissioner Mark Foldesi was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of a forthwith payment to Les Storey Trucking for rail repair in Oaks Township was added to the Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a Letter of Support for the Northwest Regional Development Center Renewable Energy Audit grant.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved revisions to the Regional Radio Board Joint Powers Agreement.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a resolution urging immediate passage of comprehensive federal health reform legislation.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings from the June 30, 2009 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed a timeline for the 2010 budget and levy adoption and certification. The 2010 proposed budget and levy must be certified by September 15, 2009. All department heads are directed to zero budget all line items except salary and benefits. The Auditor's Office will fill in the salary and benefit information based on existing labor contract agreements. Auditor Anne Granitz will provide department heads with budget instructions and invite them to attend the August 4, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting to review their 2010 budget.

Chair Swanson recessed the regular Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded

by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Board Chair Jack Swanson. Citizens present: Rob Sando, Roseau River Watershed, Steve Lee, Roseau River Watershed, Janice McAlpine, Warroad Pioneer, Brian Ketring, Roseau County Engineer, Laverne Voll, Roseau River Watershed, Todd Miller, Roseau River Watershed, LeRoy Carrier, Roseau River Watershed, and Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering.

Chair Swanson reviewed the intent of the public hearing related to a petition from the Roseau River Watershed District requesting authorization to proceed with the Hay Creek Set Back Levees, Hay Creek Connection Channel and Norland Impoundment Project under the provisions of 103E.227 and any other applicable Minnesota Statutes.

Roseau River Watershed District invited Nate Dalager of HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide an overview of the project and to review the engineer's report completed by HDR Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Dalager noted that the primary purpose of the project is to provide flood damage reduction with respect to flows from the Hay Creek and Norland drainage areas in order to help reduce flood flows on the Roseau River, affecting the City of Roseau and areas downstream.

Dalager continued that the drainage area that will be affected includes County Ditch 18, Judicial Ditch 61 and a portion of Hay Creek, also known as County Ditch 7. The Hay Creek set back levees will serve to reduce flooding on the land in the vicinity of CD 7.

Dalager stated that the three phases include construction of Hay Creek setback levees (Phase I); construction of the Norland Impoundment (Phase II); and construction of Hay Creek Connection Channel (phase III). This project involves ditch cleaning on the section line between sections 20 and 21; an impoundment that would provide relief on the entire JD61 system during flood events; ditch clearing and creation of embankments on a portion of CD 18; culvert sizing changes with the impact being that 60% of the flow goes down JD 61 and 40% flows into CD 18 and CD 7, culvert sizing changes in section 32 and a diversion from CD 7 to CD 18. .

Dalager stated that the total project cost is estimated at 10 million with a 75% state and 25% local cost share. The local share will be split between the Roseau River Watershed District (12.5%) and the Red River Watershed Management Board (12.5%).

A copy of the power point presentation, construction drawings and the engineer's report may be viewed at the Roseau River Watershed District Office or in the County Coordinator's Office.

No written or oral comment was received by Roseau County prior to the public hearing. RRWD Administrator Rob Sando stated that he received a verbal comment from Mike Dahl that was favorable.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

Chair Swanson reconvened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 9:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to approve all three phases of the project contingent upon the consulting engineer's report and the creation of a mutually acceptable operating and maintenance agreement for the project.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:55 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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