

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Todd Miller, Glenda Phillipe and Jack Swanson. Commissioner Foldesi was excused.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion on the 2015 Diesel Fuel Contract was added to Department Reports. A motion to approve the amended Agenda, was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously.

## COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swanson informed the Board that Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith will be visiting Roseau on Thursday, February 12, 2015 to acknowledge the Broadband Development Grant awarded to Wiktel Telephone Company and Sjoberg's Cable. Coordinator Pelowski shared correspondence from the Warroad Rescue Squad thanking Roseau County for their 2015 appropriation.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:

### Warrants Approved For Payment 1/29/2015

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AFLAC	4,177.44
TAGGART CONTRACTING, INC	11,735.11
7 Payments less than 2,000.00	3,201.45
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>19,114.00</b>

### Warrants Approved For Payment 2/05/2015

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE	2,700.67
JOHNSON/LAURE A	3,526.88
MN ENERGY RESOURCES	4,288.41
NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLUE	89,292.50
PRUDENTIAL	2,145.79
14 Payments less than 2,000.00	8,001.36
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>109,955.61</b>

### Warrants Approved On 2/10/2015 For Payment 2/13/2015

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AVIANDS LLC	7,826.24
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	16,052.27

DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	3,747.90
FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN	2,043.31
HEADWATERS REGIONAL RADIO BOARD	2,500.00
KEEPRS INC	2,064.42
MAR-KIT LANDFILL	33,665.55
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	31,828.92
MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM-D	4,228.40
NW MN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS	7,773.00
ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	7,179.74
SJOBERG'S INC	2,668.25
73 Payments less than 2,000.00	22,388.73
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>143,966.73</b>

## CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the January 27, 2015 Board Proceedings; approved a Roseau County Nuisance Policy; approved Resolution #2015-02-02 in support of the Roseau County 2015 Bridge Program, (i.e., 5-Year Bridge Plan); approved a State of Minnesota Department of Transportation/Roseau County Detour Agreement; approved the purchase of a Caterpillar 140M3 AWD Motor Grader in the amount of \$233,210.00; approved the purchase of a Schulte XH1500 Mower in the amount of \$12,150.00; authorized final payment to Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$223,701.89, for the 2014 Bituminous Projects; approved a Clay Purchase contract with Jesse and Sam Pulczinski, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, in the amount of \$1.15 per cubic yard; authorized advertising for the hire and testing of candidates for Child Support Officer and Enforcement Aide positions in order to create a hiring roster; approved a Domestic Violence Court Memorandum of Understanding; appointed Gracia Nelson as the County Representative to the Northwest Regional Library Board; approved changes to the Job Description Re-evaluation Policy; and, approved the 2015 Employee and Safety Handbook.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Environmental Office

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski requested the Board consider a diesel fuel Sales Agreement from Johnson Oil Company for the County Transfer Station. A motion to approve the Sales Agreement in the amount of \$2.774 per gallon, (\$2.489 per gallon plus \$.285 MN sales tax), effective February 10, 2015 through January 31, 2016, was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

## COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

### Senior Medical Travel

The Board discussed increasing the appropriation to Roseau County Committee on Aging (RCCoA), Senior Medical Travel (SMT), program in order to support a 32-hour per week employee. The Roseau County Committee on Aging recently hired a part-time employee to administer the SMT program. Commissioner Phillipe noted that a part-time SMT Program Administrator is not able to accommodate the current workload and suggested increasing the County appropriation to the RCCoA by \$15,000.00 to support an increase in hours for this position. At the next RCCoA meeting, Commissioner Phillipe will request the Committee accept the County's appropriation increase to assist in supporting a 32-hour per week position to administer the SMT program. A motion to increase the appropriation to the Roseau County

Committee on Aging by \$15,000.00, was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously.

Minnesota Power Line Transmission Project

Coordinator Pelowski met with the Board to discuss a Resolution supporting Minnesota Power's Great Northern Transmission Line Proposed Route Alternatives. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

2015-02-01

**SUPPORTING MINNESOTA POWER'S GREAT NORTHERN TRANSMISSION LINE  
PROPOSED ROUTE ALTERNATIVES**

MPUC DOCKET NO. E015/TL-14-21

OAH CASE NO. 65-2500-31637

DOE OE DOCKET NO. PP-398

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Power is proposing to construct the 500 kV Great Northern Transmission Line from the Manitoba/Minnesota international border in Roseau County to the Blackberry Substation in Itasca County by June 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Power is partnering with Manitoba Hydro to build this line that will deliver, clean renewable hydropower from northern Manitoba to Minnesota and the upper Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Power has been working with Roseau County, and residents and landowners in Roseau County, for over three years to develop and refine a route for this project that provides the least impact to residents and landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, this voluntary outreach has included multiple open houses in Roseau County, and multiple meetings updating Roseau County Commissioners, in addition to the required legal notices to Roseau County and multiple public hearings on the need for the Great Northern Transmission Line, and the scope of the environmental impact statement for the State route permit and Federal Presidential Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2014, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved a working group to gather additional public input and two Roseau County Commissioners participated in these working group meetings, and provided input on the proposed routes and border crossing; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2014, Minnesota Power submitted to the United States Department of Energy an amendment to its border crossing based on consultation with landowners and stakeholders in Roseau County that the originally proposed border crossing was no longer feasible given constraints from the future expansion of the Piney-Pinecreek Border Airport and the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area; and

**WHEREAS**, with this new information, Minnesota Power and Manitoba Hydro reached an agreement on a new border crossing that would originate at the Minnesota-Manitoba border roughly 2.9 miles east of Highway 89 in Roseau County. It would proceed southeast 0.2 miles and then travel south 2.3 miles to 390th Street and turn east following Minnesota Power's proposed Blue and Orange Routes as proposed in its April 15, 2014 Route Permit and Presidential Permit applications; and

**WHEREAS**, during the scoping process for the environmental impact statement, additional border crossings were proposed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and private landowners, and four of these additional border crossings were carried forward by the Minnesota Department of Commerce into the scope of the draft environmental impact statement; and

**WHEREAS**, Roseau County supports the amended border crossing proposed by Minnesota Power as the only feasible border crossing given the agreement between Minnesota Power and Manitoba Hydro; and

**WHEREAS**, Roseau County opposes the proposed route alternatives in Roseau County submitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that were done without input from Roseau County, including the Roseau Lake WMA Alternative, due to more impacts on private landowners and agricultural land use and interfering with a public airport; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Roseau County that impacts to agricultural land uses and human settlements be minimized and Minnesota Power's proposed route appears to accomplish those objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the route alternatives submitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service effectively negate over three years of good faith participation by Roseau County, and its residents, in working collaboratively with Minnesota Power to route the Great Northern Transmission Line in a manner that attempts to provide the least impact to residents and landowners;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Roseau County supports Minnesota Power's preferred route as submitted on April 15, 2014 in the above-referenced dockets and Minnesota Power's proposed border crossing as submitted in October 2014 to the United States Department of Energy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Roseau County designates Commissioners Roger Falk and Todd Miller as possible participants in the public information meetings on the draft environmental impact statement, and the State route permit public hearings, and may provide written and oral testimony consistent with this Resolution.

#### Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Social Services Board, 1/20/15; Highway Committee, 1/20/15; Operations/Committee of the Whole meetings, 2/3/15.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC) meetings, 1/28-1/30/15; MRCC Teleconference, 2/2/15; Operations/Committee of the Whole meetings, 2/3/15; Community Justice Coordinating Committee, 2/4/15; Meeting with Val Gravseth of Senator Franken's Office, 2/4/15; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 2/5/15; Soil and Water Conservation District, 2/10/15.

Commissioner Phillippe reported on the following committee(s): Public Health Committee, 1/27/15; North Star 4H Club meeting, 1/28/15; Operations/Committee of the Whole meetings, 2/3/15; Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, 2/4/15; Warroad City Council, 2/9/15; Warroad School Board, 2/9/15.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Public Health Committee, 1/27/15; Association of Minnesota Counties New Commissioner Training, 1/28-1/29/15; Meeting with Northland Community and Technical College, 2/2/15; Minnesota DNR Forestry, 2/2/15; Roseau City Council, 2/2/15; Operations/Committee of the Whole Committees, 2/3/15; Red River Valley Development Association, 2/4/15; Safety Training, 2/4/15; Community Justice Coordinating Committee, 2/4/15; Northwest Emergency Communications Board, 2/6/15.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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Roger Falk, Vice-Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Roseau County, Minnesota