

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 8, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on April 8, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings from the March 25, 2008 Board meeting and the March 27, 2008 Emergency Board meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a one-year on-sale intoxicating liquor license, with license fee set at \$500, and an additional 20 percent, or \$100 fee, set by the Lake Town Board, and a Sunday license, with license fee set at \$125, to Warroad Recreation, Inc. (Trade Name – Warroad Estates Golf Course) and recommended that the license be approved by the Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Director.

The Board by adoption of its consent agenda approved the Warroad VFW Post 4930 Premises Permit Renewal Application for selling pull-tabs at the Eagles Aerie 4195 located in Lake Township, Roseau County and for selling pull-tabs and bingo at the Patch Restaurant located in Lake Township, Roseau County for the period effective June 1, 2008, to May 31, 2010.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a forthwith auditor warrant to Sorenson Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$ 21,297.34 for the purchase of a 2008 Chevy Impala for the Sheriff's Office.

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD

Roseau River Watershed District Board (RRWD) met in joint session with the Roseau County Board. Members present were Administrator Rob Sando, Chairman LaVern Voll, Todd Miller, LeRoy Carriere, Steve Lee and RRWD Attorney, Pat Moren. They discussed cost sharing the hydrology report done by Houston Engineering on the State Ditch No. 69 Petition. The RRWD agreed to pay half of the Houston Engineering bill and half of the bill for the survey work completed by the Roseau County Highway Department for a total reimbursement to Roseau County of \$6,869.45. The bill from Rinke Noonan for work done on the MN DNR ditch tax rule change was discussed. The Board informed the RRWD that they have settled their portion of

the bill and advised Rinke Noonan to settle with the RRWD and the Joint Powers Natural Resources Board. The Hydrology Report completed by Houston Engineering on the State Ditch #69 Petition was discussed. The Hay Creek Project was discussed. The Board excused Commissioner Rasmussen to attend the regular monthly meeting of the RRWD. Mr. Sando stated that the RRWD will be setting an alternate day of the week for their meetings to eliminate the scheduling conflict.

ASSESSOR LORNA SANDVIK

Assessor Lorna Sandvik met with the Board. Ms. Sandvik reviewed Roseau County sales from November 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Ms. Sandvik noted that no government sales of property or foreclosure sales are included in the data presented. Ms. Sandvik informed the Board that a location factor has been included in the assessment for property adjoining state land. Ms. Sandvik reviewed pending legislation and noted that she is waiting to send out Green Acre information until the legislature takes action.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:30 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.

STEVEN ANDERSON, PA

Steve Anderson met with the Board to discuss concerns regarding wetland exemptions for lots in the Warroad Estates. Mr. Anderson informed the Board that legislation is pending that would return the *Prior Approved Exemption* to the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) which was repealed during the 2006-07 Legislative Session. However, Mr. Anderson is concerned that even if the exemption is added back into the WCA Rules, that the interpretation of the exemption could limit the exemption to individual lots and not to the entire subdivision. Mr. Anderson would like to pursue a solution that would encompass the entire subdivision and eliminate the possibility of each individual land owner going through the exemption process and potential appeal process. Mr. Anderson stated that he has met with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) executive director John Jaschke who has recommended that Mr. Anderson pursue a reclassification under Wetland Conservation Act Rules 8420.0250. Currently there are three classifications for county's or watershed wetlands based on how much of the original pre-settlement wetlands remain, 50% or less remaining, 50% to 80% remaining, and greater than 80% remaining. Roseau County is in the 50% or less remaining classification which allows for the lowest level, only 2000 square feet, of wetland disturbance without having to mitigate. Mr. Anderson understands that re-classification can be limited to specific portions of the county or natural watershed. Mr. Anderson requested that the County Board initiate a re-classification process. Commissioner Johnston suggested that Mr. Anderson also meet with the Warroad Watershed Board to inform them of this request. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the County Coordinator to initiate the process with the Board of Soil and Water Resources to investigate the possibility of reclassification of parts of Roseau County.

The County Coordinator was directed to send correspondence to Bill Best in the Bemidji office of the Board of Soil and Water Resources to request the reclassification process be initiated.

DISCUSSION

The Board took a tour of the Extension Suite renovation project. H & J Displays are installing the modular work units this week and the project should be complete within two weeks. The Board discussed a quote to purchase seven reception chairs. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Tony Dorn in the amount of \$961.70.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence: 1.) Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board informing the Board that Marshall County has terminated membership in the organization. 2.) An interagency letter from the Board of Animal Health, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture outlining their mutual goal of restoring Minnesota to a TB Free status. 3.) Positively Minnesota informing the Board that Roseau County is the recipient of a \$484,380 Minnesota Small Cities Development Program grant.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on April 15, 2008.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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