

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 1, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Klages, and Zimmel present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the July 18th regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board, 1W1P, CPT, CJI
Sandberg – Museum, MSI, Food Shelf
Zimmel – BdSWD, RDC
Klages – Woodland
Olson – PW, Pioneerland

Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried to add Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck to the Agenda to discuss the carbon reduction grant program.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize payment of claims as presented by Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	\$ 37,059.84
Kris Engineering	6,007.34
Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home	2,732.00
Schweiter's Chevrolet	2,831.73
Stevens County	2,028.99
Team Laboratory Chemical	17,377.50
Traverse County	26,245.74
Traverse County Sheriff	2,151.09
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,829.74</u>
Total	\$109,263.97

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 5-year audit proposal from Abdo for audit years 2023-2027.

Family Service Director Laura Laub presented an update on the PrimeWest reinvestment grant.

Sheriff Mark Brown requested to adopt a resolution for Big Stone County to participate in the interoperable emergency communications grant program. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County will enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Central MN Emergency Services Board, and City of St Cloud, fiscal agent for the Central MN Emergency Services Board for the DECN (SECB) and SHSP 50/50 Grant Programs effective from the date of the grant through the time period which the recurring grant programs are available, in which each County or City named in Central

MN Emergency Services Board's Joint Powers Agreement will provide a resolution committing to pay matching funds of 50% for the total amount of their project along with any request for grant funds;

WHEREAS, no equipment can be purchased for a specific County or City of the Central MN Emergency Services Board until their application and resolution committing to the required 50% match has been received by the fiscal agent, City of St Cloud.

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County enters into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Central MN Emergency Services Board, and City of St Cloud, fiscal agent for the Central MN Emergency Services Board for the DECN (SECB) and SHSP 50/50 Grant Program.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke requested to adopt a resolution to adopt and implement the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County entered into a planning agreement Memorandum of Agreement to develop the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, The County has been an active participant in the development of the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, The County recommends the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee submit the Plan for State approval; and

WHEREAS, Upper Minnesota River Partnership Policy Committee will submit the Plan for State approval; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a local water management plan developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103B to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, contingent on BWSR approval, Big Stone County hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of Big Stone County identified within the Plan and serve as a substitute for the county local water management plan as per 103B for the duration of the State approved Plan.

Be it Further Resolved after the adoption of the Plan, the County shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after the adoption of the Plan or amendments to the plan, Big Stone County shall notify local units of government within the Upper Minnesota River Partnership Planning Area. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the County for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 180 days, the County shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Plan. Big Stone County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the County's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after receiving the recommendations of the County, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the County for review and recommendations.

Wilke presented information regarding a complaint received to the Environmental Office regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the Trap Range. Al Webster and Steve Dragt from the Trap Range were present to share their perspective on the complaint. It was identified that the main issue is the lack of trees planted that were part of the CUP. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to set a deadline of May 1, 2024, for the tree planting or the permit will be pulled.

Coordinator Pam Rud presented information on two dilapidated structure applications. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the dilapidated structure application for parcel 17-0233-000 once all necessary proofs of insurance and licensure have been received for the demolition.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the dilapidated structure application for parcel 17-0324-000 once all necessary proofs of insurance and licensure have been received for the demolition.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the Personal Appliance Policy as recommended by MCIT.

Rud informed the Board that work is being done on a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy for Big Stone County with the new legal cannabis law effective 8-1-23.

Discussion was held on the applicants for the vacancy on the UMRWD Board. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried to appoint Paul Radermacher to the UMRWD Board for the term of August 8, 2023 to August 13, 2024. Commissioner Sandberg abstained from voting on the appointment.

Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck brought additional information to the Board on the carbon reduction program grant. Big Stone County has received this grant and our current options are to return the money, wait a few months to make a decision, lease a Ford Lightning which would cost the County around \$10,000.00 for the 3-year lease with no purchase once lease is done, or purchase a Hyundai IONIQ under the municipal lease which would cost the County \$10,000.00 during the lease and could purchase the vehicle for \$1.00 once the 2-year lease is done. Motion by Olson to purchase the Hyundai IONIQ. Olson's motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Athey to wait a few more months or return the money. Athey rescinded his motion. The carbon reduction program grant will be tabled until a later date.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator