

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 21, 2018

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, Ditch Inspector Darby Karsky, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the August 7th regular and highway 5-year plan meetings.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – BSAG; RLF; BdSWD; Woodland

Olson – BSAG; Countryside; Environmental

Sandberg – Environmental; Pioneerland; Property

Athey – SWCD

Attorney Glasrud provided a brief update on his office's activities.

Discussion was held on the Rainbow Bridge on the bike trail. The City of Ortonville owns the bridge, but the County has been inspecting it. Karsky reported that the bridge is in good shape, but the railing is not. Therefore, fencing has been installed. No further action was taken.

Ditch Inspector Karsky presented a map of County Ditch 13 for the Board's review. The map indicated what part has just been replaced and where there is identified cave-ins. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the additional tile repairs and payment for damages for crop loss for all 2018 repairs.

SWCD representatives Beau Peterson, Tammy Neubauer, Adam Kleinschmidt and Joe Alto were present to provide further information on the District's 2019 budget request and familiarize the Board with their duties and responsibilities.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the purchase of budgeted software licenses as requested by IT Director Terry Ocaña.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke presented a 2-year contract with Pioneer Public TV to sponsor educational *Prairie Sportsman* video segments that address hands-on aquatic invasive species management. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize Environmental Officer Wilke to execute the contract.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the expenditures for Commissioner Athey to attend the environmental conference in Alexandria.

Waste Management representatives Paul Kalibabky and Dan Behnke were present to provide an update on current recycling activities and review the proposed recycling contract. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve it pending County Attorney approval of the final contract.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

Big Stone SWCD

\$ 8,000.00

Contech Engineered Solutions	7,403.47
Hancock Concrete Products	4,236.54
Main Street Industries	2,819.53
Pro West & Associates	3,826.41
WatchGuard Video	5,020.00
West Con	9,607.20
50 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>17,169.69</u>
Total	\$58,082.84

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to ratify the Professional Services Agreement between TriMin Systems Inc. and MnCCC for the maintenance and support of IFS.

Commissioner Athey reported that he received Iva Lou Gillespie's resignation from the HRA Board. Appointment of a new member was tabled until the September 18th meeting.

The Board does not have interest in acquiring parcel 13-0224-011 owned by Minnesota DNR that is for sale in Prior Township.

Following a break, the remainder of the meeting was a work session to continue discussing the County's strategic plan and the County's 2019 budget. HR Director Gregoire presented the proposal that was received to do a possible organizational study for the County. Department heads Martig, Ocaña, Wilke and Vold were also present for the session.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor