

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held March 12, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Dudycha, Flage, Remick, and Weiss. Absent: Commissioner Simpson. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Remick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the HR Director. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board regarding approval of her annual step increase. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve a step increase for Angie Lundeen from Grade 35-step 6 (\$30.85 hourly) to Grade 35-step 7 (\$31.37 hourly) effective March 13, 2019.

E.O Officer Curt Casavan met with the board to explain Joint Ditch billings received from both Pennington and Polk counties for maintenance of shared drainage systems. Casavan recommends payment. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of \$1,377.28 to Pennington County and \$3,016.77 to Polk County pursuant to MN Statutes 103E.711, Subd. 1.

Casavan provided an update on his meeting with MPCA officials regarding the two county demolition landfills. The state informed of the need for monitoring wells at the Red Lake Falls location. Casavan informed MPCA representatives that funding to cover the estimated \$40,000 plus cost is currently being budgeted at \$10,000 annually (beginning in 2019) for completion within the next four to five years. The MPCA is also suggesting that the Oklee site be closed and future demolition be transferred to the Red Lake Falls site. Casavan is not in agreement with MPCA and relayed his concerns to the state officials.

Casavan commented on the Well Inventory Project and the importance of water and possible effects of irrigation on aquifers.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 26, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bjorklund Compensation Consulting	\$4,625.00
Cardmember Service	3,163.94
Counties Providing Technology	3,676.00
Knife River Materials	36,395.63
Midstates Equipment & Supply	46,480.40
Powerplan	3,690.66
Red Lake County Cooperative	7,874.06
41 Vendors less than \$2,000	<u>17,196.75</u>
TOTAL	\$123,102.44

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$3,072.00 to Read Tech; \$95.12 expenses to John Dudycha; \$3.48 expenses to Allen Remick; \$34.80 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Flage:	MRC: participated in a conference call meeting discussing the Enbridge Line 63 Replacement Project-98% of landowners have signed agreement with a proposed start date of November 2020, and heard a legislative update from Lobbyist Dan Larson. NWRDC Transportation Advisory Committee: discussed the Pedestrian Bike Plan, Red Lake River Corridor, and the Border to Border Touring Route.
Remick:	SWCD: discussed utilizing County Engineer services for designing several of the erosion control projects.
Dudycha:	Attended a Tri County Corrections meeting with Commissioner Weiss. Fair Board: discussed future direction and plans of the organization. NWRDC: heard a Dementia presentation and a report on homeland security along the border.
Weiss:	NWRDC: discussed the Ag Producer Grant, reviewed the budget, Area Aging statistics, and a report on Land of Dancing Sky. Corrections: reviewed the Juvenile Center report, inmate numbers, and monthly jail space rental income.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Extension Committee met recently. There are currently openings for two members and the Committee recommends Jeff Lytle and Leif Kolstoe for appointment. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to appoint Jeff Lytle and Leif Kolstoe for 3-year terms to the County Extension Committee, retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Auditor Schmitz informed that Gravel Tax collections were \$27,454.00 for the 2018 calendar year, and reported on current legislation regarding reimbursement to the eight (8) counties for costs incurred to re-audit the 2015 financial records by the Office of State Auditor.

The board acknowledged correspondence of the MN Red River Valley Development Association 81st Annual Honor Banquet on March 30, 2019 at UMC Bede Ballroom in Crookston.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners