

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 23, 2023

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on May 23, 2023 at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy and Ron Weiss. Others present were Kelsey Gervais, Kyle Thibert, Tanner Holten, Tanya Waldo, Kurt Casavan, Angie Lundeen, Lisa Loegering, and a representative from Gladen Construction. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

DITCH 62 PROJECT

Bids were collected until 10 am for the upcoming county ditch 62 outlet structure replacement project.

The bids were as follows:

- Gladen Construction- \$235,027.25
- Zavoral Construction- \$337,684.00
- Triple D Construction- \$306,507.00

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Gladen Construction.

4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Lisa Loegering with the University of Minnesota Extension Department met with the board to discuss the issue of filling the vacant 4-H Extension Educator position. As of now, there have been no applications submitted. Loegering requested that the position be changed from a 0.8 fte (full-time equivalent) position to a 1.0 to make the job more interesting to potential applicants. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage. Commissioner Remick voted in favor, and Commissioner Weiss voted in opposition. The motion carried to change the 4-H Extension Educator position from 0.8 fte to 1.0.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Best Used Trucks of MN	\$6,903.46
Michael J. Burns Architects LTD	\$2,000.65
RDO Equipment Co.	\$5,150.00
Saber Shred Solutions Inc	\$2,324.50
5 payments less than \$2000	<u>\$2,723.01</u>
TOTAL	\$19,101.62

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MINUTES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 9, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Gerardy	Intercounty Community Council, meeting with Moore Engineering regarding Plummer roads
Weiss	Northwest Regional Development Commission, Tri-County Community Corrections
Flage	Minnesota Rural Counties, Rural Transportation, Intercounty Nursing, Michael J. Burns Architects
Remick	Northwest Emergency Communications Board, meeting with Northwest Electric regarding courthouse annex HVAC, Red Lake Watershed District, Alluma

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to discuss the ongoing issue of incorrect fund balances. The Auditor’s office has determined the amount of funds that will need to be transferred to return the accounts to their correct balances. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds.

Gervais updated the board on the upcoming courthouse ventilation and cooling project. Michael J. Burns Architects will be providing a quote for completing the entire courthouse in one phase instead of three. Gervais was also going to begin researching alternate opportunities for funding.

Gervais provided the board with an update on Huot Park reported by Allan Page. All the debris from spring flooding had been removed and the park was nearly ready for the summer season.

Gervais sought approval from the board to submit a grant through the Minnesota Snowmobile Trail Assistance Program to receive funding to repair the Bottineau Trail Bridge. The board voiced their approval of the grant.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Flage and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioners