

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2009, by Chair Larry Sayre. Members present were Kloos, Munsterman, Sayre, Watzke and Staples.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of May 19th, 2009, regular meeting along with the agenda amendment.

Pope/Stevens Veteran Services Office Hugh Reimers presented a summary of the annual report of activities in the Stevens County Office.

Deputy Emergency Manager Dona Greiner presented the proposed revisions to the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Chairman to execute the revised Emergency Management Operations Plan for the County, effective this date.

IT Director Scott Busche presented a request for an additional server to better organize the storage of data. He will utilize the replacement server in conjunction with STG-PHN needs.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Watzke and all members voting aye, the Board authorized purchase of a replacement server for his department at the county's one-half shared cost of \$4,727.50; the other 50% to be assumed by Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Watzke and all members voting aye, the Board acknowledged receipt of the Final Report of the Citizens/County Board Building Project Study Committee.

Charles Nelson, representing Prairie Renewables Group, LLC, of Hancock, requested Board approval for C-BED project in Hodges Township.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 090602-22
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY-BASED ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT STATUS FOR SMALL SCALE WIND PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Minnesota to foster Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) projects; and

WHEREAS, the State C-BED Statute calls for County Board approval of C-BED projects – Minn. Stat. 216B.1612, subd. 2 (f) (3); and

WHEREAS, the development of small scale wind projects in Stevens County provides economic opportunity for residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Prairie Renewables Group project, which is proposed for development in Hodges Township, will be owned by Minnesota limited liability companies organized by Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, the Prairie Renewable Group project will be developed and owned by Blue Stem LLC, Century Wind LLC, Tri Gen LLC, Wind Dancer 1 LLC, Wind Dancer 2 LLC, Wind Dancer 3 LLC, Wind Dancer 4 LLC, Wind Dancer 5 LLC, Wind Dancer 6 LLC, and Wind-E-Future, LLC.

WHEREAS, the developers understand and accept the responsibility for securing all necessary permits for the development of wind turbines and towers; and

WHEREAS, this project calls for the development of up to 20 megawatts of wind energy; and

WHEREAS, the projects are structured to ensure a majority of the financial benefits of the project accrues to local owners and contractors of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby indicates its support for the development of the Prairie Renewables Group Project as a C-BED project, subject to the authority of said county board to grant or deny any applications for permits or licenses for said project as may be provided by state statute or local ordinances, rules or regulations.

Commissioner Staples seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented the Engineer's monthly report. He offered a summary of the status of the contract with the 2009 gravel crushing contractor, who has defaulted on the contract.

At 10:00 a.m. the County Board Chair called to order a public hearing on a petition to drain approximately 160 acres of land in Section 1, Baker Township as requested by Dennis Schmidgall. Approximately 12 citizens were present. Several landowners within Ditch #4 jurisdiction offered comments, at least two were negative. The Chair closed the hearing at 10:28 a.m.

The Engineer presented options for Board action.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090602-23
ORDER AUTHORIZATION OUTLET
ON STEVENS COUNTY DITCH #4

WHEREAS, Petitioner Dennis Schmidgall, as owner, petitioned the Stevens County Board of Commissioners acting as the Drainage Authority for Stevens County Ditch #4, for an outlet for the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N ½ SE ¼) and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S ½ NE ¼) all of Section One (1), Township One Hundred Twenty-four (124) North, Range Forty-four (44) West, except Lot A; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 2, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, testimony and information was provided to the Stevens County Board of Commissioners acting as Drainage Authority for Stevens County Ditch #4.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The above described property is hereby authorized to use Stevens County Ditch #4 as an outlet pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103E.401.
2. That Petitioner is hereby ordered to pay an outlet fee of \$1,700 prior to any further out-letting of water into Stevens County Ditch #4.
3. That the benefit assessments for future repairs shall be set at the rate of \$25 per acre for the acreage above described.

Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board terminated its contract with Kimball Excavating and proceeded against the bond posted by said company when it bid the 2009 gravel crushing contract.

On a motion by Staples, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the County Engineer to award to B. McNamara the second lowest responsible bid of \$98,832.00 for the 2009 gravel crushing contract.

Commissioner Staples presented questions regarding some advertised alternative quotes for the jail/LEC/Courthouse project. KMA Architect Mark Schneider provided answers to the questions.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Larry Sayre, Chair

