

STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, June 1, 2010
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, 2010, by Chair Don Munsterman. Members present were Kloos, Sayre, Munsterman, Watzke, and Staples.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the minutes of the May 18, 2010, Regular Meeting were approved.

On a motion by Staples, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the agenda was approved.

Janeen Stenso of Red River Basin Commission presented information regarding RRBC activities. The Agricultural Water Enhancement Program was specifically described as an opportunity for producers to receive funds for water improvement strategies. Stevens County was also recognized for its support of the RRBC.

County Engineer Brian Giese gave a monthly update of highway department activities.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board accepted the bid of States Borders Construction as the low bidder on SAP 75-618-14 at the bid price of \$144,482.35

Having reviewed all bids and tabulation being over the engineer's estimate, on a motion by Sayre, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board accepted to reject all bids on SAP 75-609-35.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board gave permission for the Engineer to hire a part-time seasonal person.

Auditor-Treasurer presented several matters for Board consideration. On a motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of Building Project Warrants in the amount of \$434,071.83.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 100601-13

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of the County of Stevens, Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the Stevens County of Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the following parcels of land have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands for sale.

<u>Municipality/ Address</u>	<u>Property ID</u>	<u>Min Bid</u>	<u>Sale Conditions</u>
City of Chokio Bare Lot	22-0294-000	\$500.00	
City of Hancock Bare Lot	21-0344-000	\$500.00	
City of Hancock 263 Sixth Street	21-0238-001	\$500.00	
City of Morris	20-0696-000	\$500.00	adjacent owners

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

Brian Giese County Engineer presented his monthly County Ditch report. On a motion by Kloos, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board approved repairs for the following county ditches; 15, 21, 30, and 43.

This being 10:00 a.m. and the time and place set forth in advertising the Chair opened the meeting as a public hearing on County Ditch 43. County Engineer Giese and County Ditch Attorney Kurt Dieter provided an overview and discussion points on County Ditch 43. The Chair called for comments and questions from the audience. Landowner Paul Moser requested clarification on the location of abandonment and the affect on property taxes. On a motion by Watzke, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board approved partial abandonment on County Ditch 43 described within NW ¼ Section 18 Darnen Township with the following conditions: future maintenance of tile at owners expense; grade line in current direction. Attorney Kurt Dieter is directed to draft an order reflecting such action.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m.

The Board directed Giese to schedule informational meeting regarding transferring county ditches within the Bois de Sioux watershed to the Bois de Sioux watershed district.

Brian Giese acting as Interim County Coordinator provided discussion on the 2011 budget process.

The Board set 6:00 p.m. June 14, 2010 as budget worksession, noting the Board of Equalization will follow at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board approved the Governmental Agency Membership Agreement with Lakes Country Coop Service as of June 1, 2010.

The Board set 10:30 a.m. June 9, 2010 as worksession to discuss Marco's furniture proposal.

Several commissioners reported on committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on a motion by Kloos, second by Staples and all members voting aye.

Brian Giese, Interim County Coordinator

Don Munsterman, Chair