

July 3, 2013
10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaagan with Commissioners Loibl, Ellertson, Marquart, and Fougner present.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the minutes as distributed. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Jayme Tenneson was present.

Rick Urvand discussed pulling shoulders on gravel roads, washboard bumps, the County Road 22 project, hiring a part-time employee, the disaster declaration, funding from HB 1358, repair of the Bjorge grade on County Road 1, graveling County Road 2 in Clara Township, and Federal Aid roads.

Letters were reviewed from the Governor, State Water Commission, and NRCS regarding the Michigan Spillway.

Sharon Young discussed an appointment to the County Committee, the Association of County Superintendants, preliminary damage assessment for FEMA, the presidential declaration request, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and the Devils Lake hydrologic outlook.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to appoint Naomi Ferguson to the School Annexation and Reorganization Committee. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Zebulen Dickey and Stephanie Greeman, from Colonial Life, reviewed various types of insurance that they offer.

Kelly Janke presented the calls for Service report, and discussed a deputy's suspension and his relationship with the Clerk of Court's office.

Oybek Turayev and Kristi Berdal, presented the extension activities report and discussed planting apple trees on the Courthouse grounds.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to purchase up to 4 apple trees for the Courthouse grounds. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

At 1:30 PM an omitted property hearing was held with no one present to comment.

An abatement application form Delores Keim was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to approve the abatement of 2011 and 2012 taxes for Lots 1-4 of Block 40, of Lakota because of Homestead Credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The Commissioners meeting was recessed.

At 2:00 P.M. the County Board of Equalization was reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Michelle Linstad reviewed the assessment of property owned by Charles Ryba.

A letter from Rodney and Susan Brossart was reviewed. More information is needed on some of their inundated ag land applications.

The equalization meeting was recessed.

The Commissioners meeting was reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Duane DeKrey and Brian Prince, from the North Dakota Game and Fish, reviewed the proposed purchase of land in the NW ¼ of Section 2 in Leval Township.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve a special events permit for Dwight and Sandy Elfman at Stump Lake Park for July 9 to August 7, 2013. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve a special events permit for the Backfield Bar at Tolna Dam for July 27, 2013. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on requesting information on the Matejcek Dam from the State Water Commission. Jayme Tenneson will draft a letter.

A special events permit for the Dahlen Elevator centennial was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve a special events permit for Aaron Mork, doing business as the Town Pump II, for the Dahlen Elevator centennial on July 16, 2013, at the Dahlen City Hall. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The status of a Hazard Mitigation Grant buyout was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the following pledged securities: State Bank of Lakota - \$2,000,000.00; First Financial - Aneta Station - \$775,763.50; McVillage State Bank - \$653,363.83; First United Bank of Michigan - \$1,447,523.49; Choice Financial Group of Petersburg - \$300,000.00 (letter of credit); and Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Tolna - \$535,578.27. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

On speaker phone, Laurie Rainsberry discussed issues that she has with the manager at Stump Lake Park.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to reappoint Elvin Johnson to the Weed Board. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The State Fire and Tornado Insurance was reviewed.

There was discussion on the budget and new notice requirements for the budget.

The Board examined the vouchers and instructed the Auditor to pay all bills as listed.

The meeting was recessed.

July 29, 2013 - 10:00 AM

The meeting was reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Amie Vasichek, Lakota City Auditor, discussed the demolition of the old theater and the old Burkland building on Main Street. She requested the canceling of taxes on the old theater so that a deed to the city can be recorded.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to cancel all the taxes on Lot 25 of Block 7, O.T. Lakota. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on the bait shop operation, cleaning the vault toilet, and the pavilion ramp.

Dwight Elfman, on speaker phone, was instructed to clean the vault toilet by the bait shop as soon as possible.

Verdun Burkland discussed signing a bill of sale to the City of Lakota for the old building on Main Street in Lakota.

The meeting was adjourned.

At 10:30 AM the Equalization meeting was reconvened with all Commissioners present.

The assessment of the S ½ of Sec. 27 in Enterprise Twp was reviewed.

Brad Stromme, Lee Township assessor, discussed the value of the former Valley Grove church in Kloten.

The omitted property hearing was held with Brad Stromme present.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the assessments of the following omitted property parcels:

#3-0-840-800, #18-1-35116-0, #18-3-35573-400, #18-5-35597-0, #18-7-35621-0, #18-7-35632-0, #1-0-48-0, #2-2-11551-0, #2-1-11332-400, #11-0-2316-500, #16-0-4826-0, #17-0-4999-201, #17-0-4999-505, #17-0-5000-12, #25-0-7253-500, #26-4-57646-500, #31-0-8889-500, #31-0-8898-0, #33-0-9479-610, and #33-0-9479-612. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Additional information from the crop insurance agent on the Brossart property was reviewed and the inundated ag land application was accepted.

Michelle Linstad reviewed the ratio adjustment worksheet that showed the residential assessments needed to be increased by 36% and the ag assessments by 22.3%. A 10% variance is allowed by the State Board of Equalization; so that a minimum increase needed would be 26% for residential property and 13% for ag land.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to increase residential assessments by 26% as mandated by the State Tax Department and to increase ag assessments by 13% as calculated by NDSU. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to deny the request from Charles Ryba to decrease the assessment of the S ½ of Sec. 27, Twp. 154, Rge 59 due to the unequal assessments of surrounding land and to send it back to the Township Board. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The township and city assessments were reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the township and city assessments. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

W.J. Davidson, Auditor
Sheila Fisk, Deputy Auditor
Nelson County

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
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