

March 6, 2019
10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellertson. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Klefstad, Fougner, Marquart and Loibl.

Also present were Ryan Shirek, Anthony Herman, and Seth Hamre.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was an amendment to the minutes regarding the wording about the development of Engels Point.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the amended minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There were additions to the agenda. Storm days, Keith Coleman dust control, North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) creation of an association for health plan, roads on bus routes, and phone conferencing.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to add the items to the agenda. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve a hauling permit for the Nelson County Pigs Coop during road restrictions. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed the dust control which has been applied for Keith Coleman. There was a misunderstanding with Mr. Coleman whether the road is a haul road. It has not been a haul road for about 3 years.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to have Keith Coleman pay 25% of the \$1,234.00 owed for the dust control done in 2018. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth discussed the need to increase the rates for blade use. The current rate is \$80.00 for private blading and \$85.00 for all other blading. The increase should be raised to \$95.00 per hour for all blading. The truck rates will remain the same.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to raise the rate for all blading to \$95.00 beginning April 1, 2019. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth discussed the need for a new parts cleaner. The current parts cleaner was purchased in 1956 and does not have safety features. Safety Kleen has to come out three times a year to clean out our solvent from the parts cleaner. The county could purchase a new parts washer that uses hot water and save the county money.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to purchase a hot water parts cleaner. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the clearing of roads for school bus routes. Closed Road signs have been put up on a few of the minimum maintenance roads.

Anthony Herman discussed the plans with 80% to 85% completed on the County Road 35 project. The draft completion date is September 21, 2019 for County Road 35. Bids for the project will be opened at the April meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to agree with the opinion of costs, the dates set forward for the project and the bidding process for County Road 35. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to declare a winter emergency and to sign a snow emergency resolution. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sharon Young discussed the State MATHCOUNTS which will be held on April 1st in Bismarck. Four students from Nelson County qualified to go to the state competition. She also discussed the State Spelling Bee which will be held on March 8th. Two students qualified to go to the state competition in Bismarck.

Sharon reported that the threat of significant snowmelt flooding has increased substantially across all sub-basins and the main-stem Red River. The Devils Lake Basin is expecting a somewhat above normal rise from 1 to 2 feet. A ½ to 1 foot rise is considered about normal. The next flood outlook will be March 7th.

Michelle Linstad presented an abatement for parcel #27-0001-67814-000 for Veteran's Credit.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatement for parcel #27-0001-67814-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to purchase a conference phone. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 118 calls for February. The new deputy position and the new vehicle were discussed.

Roger Krueger for Great Plains Benefit Group attended the meeting by speaker phone. The updated Employee Handbook was discussed and a couple of corrections need to be made before the final copy.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept the new Employee Handbook. After some discussion Commissioner Loibl withdrew his motion.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the new Employee Handbook. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Loibl, Fougner and Klefstad voting "Yes" and Commissioner Marquart voting "No". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to compensate the two part time employees for their past sick, vacation and holiday pay and grandfather them in so they can continue receiving those benefits. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to adopt the resolution for load restrictions. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about closing the courthouse during inclement weather. The Board approved the wording in the Employee Handbook that states if the courthouse is open and an employee is unable to get to work, they must take a vacation day.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to pay all the bills as listed. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
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