

September 5, 2018
10:00 A.M.

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

Also present were Tim Lee, Todd Whitman and Ben Varnson, from the Water Board Brian Johnson, Robert Fleming, attorney for the Brossarts, Jayme Tenneson, Anthony Herman and Paul Bjornson from KLJ, Allan Anderson and Bill Franzen, Williams Township and on speaker phone, Dan Gaustad, attorney for the Water Board.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee discussed that they have been mowing and spraying cattails and hauling gravel. Also discussed was the dust control put on Coleman's road for the second time this year. Since it is not a haul road, the county will not pay.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad that since the Coleman Road is not a haul road, they will not pay for the cost of dust control. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Rodney, Susan and Jacob Brossart joined the meeting.

Rob Fleming, attorney for the Brossart's, asked who is responsible for the County Road 22 project? He has asked for plans and permits for the project but has not received any. Why weren't studies done before the project started?

The Board asked for a hydrology test which can be done by KLJ in about 6 weeks.

Dan Gaustad discussed the protection of the county/township road and who will be owner of the project. KLJ discussed survey work that was done on the project where they captured the existing layout and alignment of the land in that area. They were testing the elevations of the natural channel. Jayme discussed that the intent of the project was to drain the water down the right-of-way into a pipe in a natural drain. Dan discussed that a determination needs to be made what kind of permits are required for this project.

Elvin Johnson joined the meeting.

It was discussed that the project needs to be stopped until all necessary required permits are obtained and more studies are done. Brian Johnson will go out to clean up the area but will do no new work. The project will cease until all matters are settled.

Since it is a county road and the County will be the owners of the project, KLJ will be doing the engineering. There will also be a determination of how many acres this project involves. It will help decide what permits are required.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to have the County take over ownership of the project with the cooperation of the Nelson County Water Resource District and Williams Township. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to allow KLJ to be the lead on the engineering for the project and submit the engineering costs to the Board. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony Herman updated the Board on the Galde Bridge. The contract that was presented to the Board at the last meeting will be discussed at a later date. The County would pay 20% of the total costs. If there is state money left over from the Petersburg project, the County could possibly use that amount on our 20%.

Commissioner Fougner left the meeting.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 180 calls for August. He informed the Board that Alyson Moses had resigned so they are looking for a new deputy. Keith discussed the rash of burglaries that have recently happened in Nelson County.

There was a discussion on the 2019 Social Service budget. They made changes to the budget to include a 3% salary increase instead of a 2% increase.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the new budget to include the 3% salary increase for Social Services. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Stacie Sevigny discussed the change in the automatic door project at the Nelson County Health System using CDBG funds due to more funds being available. Steve Forde discussed the new project would expand the automatic door project to include the x-ray room,

care center door, the front door and the side delivery door. Nelson County would act as the applicant as we did on the other project.

Sharon Young informed the Board that she had received the Distinguished Service Award from her colleagues in the Emergency Management field at the ND Emergency Management Conference held on August 27-30, 2018.

Sharon discussed the school bus driver workshop to be held September 26 at the Lakota Elementary. She also mentioned that September is National Preparedness Month. Fire awareness is one of the topics.

Sharon informed the Board that the empty sandbags in the building that was destroyed in the windstorm have been moved to the Michigan building.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to not pay the bill from the Highway Department to DEM for restacking the empty sandbags from the destroyed shed. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Katelyn Hain and Kristi Berdal gave a presentation on the mission, structure and impact of the NDSU Extension Office. It was an overview of what they do on a yearly basis. They also discussed the funding model for next year.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to appoint Elaine Larson and Carol Sand as inspectors for the November general election. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to cancel taxes on the Fargo Assembly property that went back to Michigan. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the new shed that will be built on the courthouse lot. It will be built on the north side and will replace the current small shed as well as the storage of the Incident Command Response trailer and pickup. Specifications for the building were discussed. The County will be taking bids for the project.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to move forward to build the building for the Emergency Management trailer and pickup. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Marquart discussed the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center funding and the changes to their billing to the counties. They will be looking into the incarceration numbers and how much each county is using the facility instead of just a flat mill rate. This was for information purposes only and Commissioner Marquart will relay it to the board that Nelson County approves of the billing system.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to transfer \$866.00 from County Emergency fund to Road & Bridge fund to cover the cost of culverts on the County Road 22 project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion that Penny Haman was hired to help Jeff Ritteman with the cleaning around the courthouse two to three times a week.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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