

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting**  
**August 28, 2012**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Gary Haugen, Toby Reiffenberger, Derrick Loeschke, Mark Dietz, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the plan as presented.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was presented. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Blayne Johnson from SWCD arrived at the meeting.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on right-of-way marking. Approximately three-fourths of the County has been completed and the plans are to finish next summer. Discussion was held on an issue regarding the mowing off of crop in section 28 of Graceville Township. Motion by Athey and seconded by Olson to pay the affected landowner \$125 upon confirmation of measurements. Motion carried with Commissioners Berning and Sandberg voting Nay.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the financial condition of the Highway Department to date and reported on some changes he is making to the proposed 2013 budget.

Discussion was held on County Ditch 15 and repairs needed to the main line in section 21 of Graceville Township. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize \$10,000 for the repair.

Blayne Johnson reported on an erosion issue on Artichoke Lake. Johnson stated that if the County would be willing to take on the project, 100% funding could be received from the Legacy funds. If the landowner were to file the application, only 75% would be received and there would be a 25% match. The matter will be considered at the September 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Gary Haugen presented a drainage project proposal in section 29 of Graceville Township. The landowners would pay for the installation of the tile, but are requesting that the County be in control of the gate. No action was taken.

Chairman Wulff declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor