

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 1, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Chairman Brent Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the April 17<sup>th</sup> County Ditch 20 public hearing for partial abandonment.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – Bois de Sioux; 1W1P; Park; Personnel

Berning – Property

Sandberg – MSI; EM ICS; Pioneerland; Food Shelf; Collaborative; Safety; Property

Athey – Prairie 5; Park; Fair Board

Attorney Glasrud provided a brief update on his office's activities.

Commissioner Sandberg left the meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

Big Stone Lake Sno Riders	\$ 7,430.26
Frontier Precision	33,478.01
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	32,567.51
Lincoln County Sheriff	2,400.00
Lismore Hutterian Brethren	2,143.50
Marco Technologies	2,887.27
Pro West & Associates	2,702.00
Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney	2,294.83
State of Minnesota	7,154.42
Titan Machinery	21,700.00
Wildlife Forever	3,500.00
38 Payments less than \$2,000	<u>11,453.91</u>
Total	\$129,711.71

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to ratify the Electronic Voting System Plan as presented by Auditor Knutson.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2018-14**

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above

referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning north of Graceville and extending north through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the contract with Central Specialties for SAP 006-610-624.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve and execute the 1-year storage lease effective 4-22-18.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to approve out-of-state travel for Auditor Knutson to attend CPE training in Fargo, ND in July.

Commissioner Berning announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year. Because there are 2 years left on his term, a special election will be held in conjunction with the State General Election for a 2-year term.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Environmental Technician Danny Tuckett and Environmental Officer Darren Wilke:

#### **2018-15**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 requires soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law Implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone SWCD has adopted a map inventory of other watercourses and provided it to Big Stone County on June 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County recommends that implementation of buffers or other practices on these waters be voluntary in nature through the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 requires a local water management authority that receives a summary of watercourses identified under this subdivision must incorporate an addendum to its comprehensive local water management plan or comprehensive watershed management plan to include the SWCD recommendations by July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103F.48 does not require a plan amendment as long as a copy of the included information is distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the summary of watercourses or “other waters” for Big Stone County shall be incorporated as an addendum in its current local water management plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Big Stone County authorizes staff to provide a copy of the addendum and any supporting information to be distributed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals required to receive a copy of the plan changes.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution requesting a resolution to waive the amendment requirement as presented by Environmental Technician Tuckett:

**2018-16**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of 2014 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County is required by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Board Order to complete an amendment of the Goals, Objectives, and Action Items of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan by December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County is participating in and intends to utilize the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s ten-year approach to monitoring, assessing, and developing Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS), which are scheduled to be completed by June 2019 for the Upper Minnesota (75.34% of county), March 2013 for the Pomme de Terre (5.35% of county), May 2018 for the Bois de Sioux (19.31% of county); and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County passed a resolution on March 18, 2014, numbered 2014-09, to support the development of a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and intends to work on developing the plan pending its selection as a recipient of a planning grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources a waiver to the required amendment of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; in order to transition to Comprehensive Watershed Planning in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.801.

The public hearing for the Buffer Ordinance was set for Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Discussion was held on if there should be requirements for minimum housing standards for rental properties. Commissioner Olson will be doing further research on this.

County Librarian Vicki Bartz updated the Board on a new program they have called “Future Ready with the Library.” The program is for middle school age children and provides college and career readiness services.

Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky presented a quote for spraying Joint Ditch 4 in the amount of \$11,379. Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the expenditure.

Don Stueve and Darin Arndt were present for a discussion on cleaning the west branch of Joint Ditch 4. Karsky reported on the various culvert and tile sizes along the ditch and road intersections. Those present stated that the ditch wasn't designed to take all the water from the private ditching and tiling that has been done. Karsky will get an estimate on a cleanout and then a joint ditch meeting will be set up.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the cleanout of County Ditch 13 in Sections 27 and 34 of Prior Township as requested by Mark Chase and discussed at the previous meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the cleanout of the outlet of County Ditch 15 as requested by Don Stueve.

County Recorder Elaine Martig and County Treasurer Cindy Nelson arrived at the meeting. Chairman Olson stated that the Board is delaying the discussion on the setting of elected officials' salaries until the next meeting. Martig and Nelson left the meeting.

The Board placed a call to HR Director Dawn Gregoire. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the hiring of Cindy Brehmer for the Deputy Auditor-Elections Coordinator position at Grade 8 Step 1 contingent upon successful background screenings.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to close the meeting at 9:51 AM for labor negotiations.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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