

Chairman Tellinghuisen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., with the following members present via interactive teleconference: Commissioner Wilhelm at 10287 55th Street, Princeton, MN 55371; Cmsr Reynolds at 807 N 3rd Street, Princeton, MN 55371; Cmsr Oslin at 39635 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342; Cmsr Phil Peterson at 13827 140th Street, Milaca, MN 56353. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Tellinghuisen took a roll call vote to verify that all five (5) commissioners were present.

Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to accept the agenda; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cmsr Oslin seconded by Cmsr Wilhelm, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve 3/17/2020 County Board Meeting Minutes;
- Review of Auditor's Warrants;
- Approve Payment to Counsel for Legal Services;
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- Consider CY2020/2021 DHS Respite Care Grant Contract;
- Authorize Execution of SCORE Grant Agreement for FY 2020 – 2021;
- Authorize Execution of DNR Lease Agreement for CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station;
- Consider Resolution No. 04-07-2020-01, LCCMR Application for Replacement of Soo Line Bridge;

*Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 04-07-2020-01*

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

WHEREAS, The function of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) is to make funding recommendations to the legislature for special environment and natural resource projects, primarily from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF), and
WHEREAS, The LCCMR is currently welcoming proposals for projects of all sizes that aim to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources using an online proposal submission system, and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County believes that the proposal to replace the existing Soo Line Trail trestle bridge meets the constitutional aim to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that Mille Lacs County hereby supports and authorizes submittal of the proposal to replace the existing Soo Line Trail trestle bridge through the LCCMR online proposal submission system.

- Approve Plat Book & County Highway Map Update Schedule; Authorize Staff to Solicit Quotes;
- Accept Federal Boating And Safety Patrol Wage Reimbursement Grant From Department Of Natural Resources;
- Approve Purchase of 3 Law Enforcement Vehicles through Enterprise Fleet Management;
- Consider Revising Mille Lacs County Credit Card Policy;
- Information Only: March 2020 Jail Performance Report.

A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION: CONSIDER PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Community Health Services Supervisor Kay Nastrom presented updates regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). County Administrator Pat Oman reviewed how County services are provided to residents during this time. Community and Veterans Services (CVS) Director Beth Crook discussed how CVS staff are handling the health crisis while working with clients. Personnel Director Holly Wilson stated that the County is considering alternative techniques to conduct interviews and hire staff. The

County Commissioners thanked Nastrom for the presentation.

UPDATE ON PETITION FOR IMPASSABLE ROAD

County Auditor-Treasurer Eric Bartusch stated that Bradbury Township had submitted the documentation required regarding the impassable road petition for 155th Avenue. Cmsr Peterson motioned to close the impassable road petition regarding 155th Avenue in Bradbury Township under Minnesota State Statute 163.16; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR

Administrator Oman stated that in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 273.061, the Board must appoint a County Assessor. Cmsr Reynolds motioned to appoint Daryl Moeller as the County Assessor; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Administrator Oman then proceeded with the Oath of Office for the County Assessor.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW OFF SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

County Auditor-Treasurer Bartusch stated that Gateway Cafe & Station, Inc. is requesting approval of a new “off sale” liquor license. Bartusch stated that counties are required to hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the license, in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 340A.405, subdivision 2(d). Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the Gateway Cafe & Station, Inc. liquor license public hearing for April 21, 2020; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

SELECT VENDOR FOR THE REPAIR OF COUNTY DITCH 14

Environmental Resources Manager Dillon Hayes reviewed the quote received for the repair of County Ditch 14. Cmsr Peterson motioned to approve the quote from Hjort Excavating for the repair of County Ditch 14; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Cmsr Wilhelm abstained. Motion carried.

SELECT VENDOR(S) FOR MOWING TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes stated that six (6) tax-forfeited parcels required maintenance mowing. Hayes reviewed the quotes received. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the quote from Stobb Lawn Care for the mowing of the six (6) tax-forfeited parcels; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 04-07-2020-02, CITY OF PEASE ACQUISITION REQUEST FOR TAX-FORFEITED PARCEL

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes stated that the City of Pease wants to acquire tax-forfeited PIN 23-041-0340 for authorized public use as a park, pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 282.01 Subdivision 1a(e). Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to adopt Resolution No. 04-07-2020-02, City of Pease Acquisition Request for Tax-Forfeited Parcel; Cmsr Oslin seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 04-07-2020-02*

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACQUISITION AND PUBLIC USE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCEL

WHEREAS, the property located at 31 3rd Street West, Pease, PID # 23-041-0340, legally described the East 65 feet of the West 115 feet of Outlot 4, Pease, forfeited to the state for failure to pay property taxes on October 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01 Subd. 1a. (a), the City of Pease, on October 14, 2019, made a written request to the Mille Lacs County Auditor to withhold the parcel from sale or lease to others for six months;

WHEREAS, during the withholding period the county board may approve a sale or conveyance to the requesting party;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.01 Subd. 1a. (e) provides for the conveyance of nonconservation tax-forfeited lands to governmental subdivisions for authorized public uses, which includes the siting of facilities such as parks available to, and accessible by, the public; and

WHEREAS, this conveyance requires no monetary compensation or consideration, except as

provided in Minnesota Statute 282.01 Subd. 1g.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that application to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue for a Conditional Use Deed on behalf of the City of Pease is hereby authorized for the purposes of siting a public park on this parcel.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners that the acquisition of this parcel by the City of Pease for the purposes of siting a public park is in the public interest, and approval of the Conditional Use Deed application is recommended.

REVIEW QUOTES FOR 2020 ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING VENDOR

Environmental Resources Manager Hayes reviewed the quotes received for the recycling of electronics and appliances. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to approve the quote received from Retrofit Companies; Cmsr Reynolds seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING: LITIGATION STRATEGY DISCUSSION FOR WALMART LAWSUIT

A motion was made by Cmsr Oslin to close the meeting at 9:49 a.m., in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (b). Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (b) the meeting will be closed under the attorney / client privilege to discuss legal issues, legal advice, and litigation strategy arising from the state lawsuit filed by the Walmart Real Estate Business Trust against Mille Lacs County in Mille Lacs County District Court, Court File No. 48-CV-20-63. Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Cmsr Wilhelm motioned to reopen the meeting at 10:10 a.m.; Cmsr Peterson seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Cmsr Oslin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.; Cmsr Wilhelm seconded. A roll call vote was called; Cmsrs Wilhelm, Reynolds, Oslin, Tellinghuisen and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/Pat Oman
Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/Roger Tellinghuisen
Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Chairperson