

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of February 4, 2014 at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2014. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson and County Attorney Troy Timmerman were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loveall.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the February 4, 2014 regular meeting.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda of February 18, 2014.

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No member of the public appeared during public comment.

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Calendar was updated. Ditch hearings were set as follows: CD 26 Final Acceptance hearing at 11:00 a.m., March 4, 2014; CD 25 and CD 25 BrA Redetermination hearing at 9:00 a.m., March 25, 2014; and CD 24 and CD 23 hearing at 10:00 a.m., March 25, 2014. All hearings will be held at the Ag Center in Blue Earth

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Committee reports were given. Warmka reported on park committee, wind energy, and annual township; Roper reported on park committee; Groskreutz reported on energy meeting; and Loveall reported on Region 9 and personnel.

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Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning Program Administrator Michele Stindtman met regarding office business. Discussion was held regarding future meetings, "One Watershed, One Plan" program, and the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment structure.

Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to adopt a seven member board structure for the Planning Commission.

Roper motion to appoint Sherwood Krosch of Elmore to the at large position on the Planning Commission was withdrawn.

Young/Roper motion carried to table the issue of an at large position on the Planning Commission to the March 4, 2014 meeting. Commissioners Groskreutz and Loveall voted no.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business. May 13, 2014 was set as a date for visits by 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the county.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for an A13 union Building Maintenance Worker position at the courthouse due to the retirement of Mike Jacobson.

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Public Works Director John McDonald met regarding office business. A construction update was given.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for 150,000 gallons of seal coat oil until March 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids on CSAH13 and Emerald Township Road 38.

Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 1-ton pickup truck from Fairmont Ford for \$33,955. Wells Chevrolet did not respond to the request for bid.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 14-CB-07 for the dissolution of the Minnesota River Board effective April 1, 2014. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, after nearly 20 years of initiatives and challenges, as well as calls for change from its valued partners, the Minnesota River Board (MRB) delegates passed Resolution 12-01 in September 2012 to dedicate funds for a full external review

of the MRB governance structure, mission, duties, services provided, and funding;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the external review process was led by an independent consultant and a steering committee that included one representative from each of the following entities: Minnesota River Board, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), Minnesota River Watershed Projects, citizen-led organizations, agricultural and water resource interests, and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD); and

**WHEREAS**, after several rounds of revisions, the end result of the external review process included guiding principles, primary functions, and recommendations for the governance and funding of a new basin entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRB delegates passed a motion on December 16, 2013, to advance the recommendations with no additional MRB involvement in the process, on a split vote (11 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention); and

**WHEREAS**, the MRB delegates passed a resolution on December 16, 2013 to complete required business, transfer existing projects, and/or otherwise cancel all agreements and bring the MRB business operations to a close on April 1, 2014.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve requests from P. Campbell, J. Christenson, and M. Purvis to attend a 3-day SOTA conference in St. Cloud.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to allow the Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce to store Christmas lights in a forfeited tax building upon proof of insurance.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to recommend to the City of Blue Earth that the block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street by the courthouse be left at the present width for the improvement project.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$ 625,739.61 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 307,340.78
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	31,512.03
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	167,846.00

DITCH FUNDS

119,040.80

\$ 625,739.61

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The meeting was adjourned for February 2014.

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Tom Loveall, Chairman

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator