

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 17, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the March 03, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 06-15 –USDA Rural Development Loan Agreement for RCRW Expansion Project

Jerry Lonneman, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) Board member and Darin Schriever, DGR PE presented a request for an easement at the Rock County Rural Water (RCRW) Magnolia pump house for the install of an additional Lewis & Clark access; RCRW would not incur any additional costs. While initial construction is not anticipated any time soon, planning and engineering specifications are currently being developed so the easement would be contingent on many variables. After considerable discussion and on a recommendation from the RCRW Board, motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to agree to the LPRW easement/access at the Magnolia pump house and have the County Attorney draft the legal documents for the easement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed concerns from the City of Hills Mayor regarding the RCRW enhancement project; the issue was directed to the RCRW Board.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims for payment; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General . . . . .	\$48,275.91
General Reserves . . . . .	\$1,958.63
Library . . . . .	\$9,117.54
Road & Bridge . . . . .	\$50,109.01
Transfer Station	\$12,506.54
Land Management . . . . .	\$1,324.34
TOTAL . . . . .	\$123,291.97

Claims over \$2,000

American Communications, Inc	\$ 2,733.70
Centerpoint Energy	2,239.90
Expressway-Luverne	3,240.77
Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer	3,377.50
Office of MN IT Services	4,386.98
Rock County Opportunities Inc	3,560.23
Thyssenkrupp	3,031.17
Watchguard	5,020.00

American Engineering Testing	11,650.00
Butler Ag Equipment	3,983.99
CHS Eastern Farmers	2,157.51
Dockendorf Equipment	5,107.42
Duininck	3,979.05
Expressway Luverne	3,392.99
Newman Signs Inc	4,009.93
Sanders Inc.	3,498.54
Lyon County Transfer Station	11,187.36

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report; the status of the outstanding FEMA reimbursements is \$580,000. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote. Commissioner Williamson requested the Auditor/Treasurer to prepare Fund Balance reports for Rock County Rural Water meetings; she agreed and will do so moving forward.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented a listing of the 2015 construction projects and funding sources:

2015 CSAH Regular Account Balance			734,809			
2016 CSAH Regular Account Advance			1,475,325			
2015 CSAH Municipal Account Balance			290,803			
2016 CSAH Municipal Account Advance			281,014			
2015 Wind Tower Bond Acct Balance			1,837,866			
2015 FEMA Payment			142,356			
Bridge Bond/Federal Aid Funds			962,889			
			5,725,062			

Project Number	Eng Est	2015 CSAH Reg and Mun	2016 CSAH Advance	Brdg Bond Fed Aid	FEMA	Wind Tower Bond	
SAP 067-603-031/032	381,889	152,787	43129	129,102			CSAH 3 - Bridge L1991 and Bridge L1997
SAP 067-606-014	601,581	342,750				258,831	CSAH 6 - CSAH 20 to CSAH 7
SAP 067-606-015	1,579,035					1,579,035	CSAH 6 - CSAH 7 to Pipestone Co
SAP 067-608-014	460,161	270,667		189,494			Bridge L2069 on CSAH 8
SAP 067-608-016	1,044,368		1,044,368				CSAH 8 - CSAH 6 to TH 75
SP 067-611-007	372,997	13,500		359,497			Bridge L2130 on CSAH 11
SAP 067-611-008	165,251	165,251					CSAH 11 Steen to TH 270
SAP 067-613-006	749,499	80,657	668,842				CSAH 13 - South Dakota to WCL Hills

SAP 067-616-008	142,356				142,356		
SAP 067-598-017	144,054			144,054			Bridge L2138 on County Hwy 59
SAP 067-598-018	140,742			140,742			
	5,781,933	1,025,612	1,756,339	962,889	142,356	1,837,866	

The Engineer stated that he does not want any budget over runs, so SAP 067-603-031/032 is contingent and has been identified as having a \$56,871 Funding Shortfall.

The Engineer presented the bid results for the 2015 construction projects:

Hardrives Inc. – Rogers, MN	\$4,282,089.66
Duininck Inc. – Prinsburg, MN	4,296,221.37
Knife River Corp. – Sauk Rapids, MN	4,356,816.81
Central Specialties Inc. – Alexandria, MN	4,434,044.14

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to accept the low bid from Hardrives Inc. for \$4,282,089.66, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer stated that the Annual Road & Bridge Hearing is today beginning at 1:00PM in the Herreid Board meeting room. In addition to 2015 construction schedule, representatives from Alliance Communications and DGR will be present to discuss the upcoming construction for the broadband/fiber project and the RCRW enhancement and expansion projects.

The Administrator presented a second draft of the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); Sheriff Verbrugge CAD upgrades and NexGen911 purchases scheduled for 2015; NexGen911 is E911 fund eligible and a portion of CAD is also E911 eligible. The Administrator presented funding sources from reserves totaling \$2,485,117 to pay for road and bridge construction, road and bridge capital equipment purchases, Transfer station scale replacement and Library building expenses; after considerable discussion, it was the consensus to proceed with any additional bonding. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to set a Public Hearing for April 21, 2015 at 9:00AM for the consideration of adopting the 2015 CIP, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator reviewed the timeline for the tax abatement bond process for the broadband/fiber project; public hearing date will be discussed at the next meeting. The process also requires the County Board to identify parcels for the tax abatement which need to exceed the tax capacity by one hundred twenty-five percent.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve a financial planning agreement with Northland Securities for the tax abatement bond process, declared carried on a voice vote.

Informational item three, ACE Resolution was table until the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The County Board was informed of a Senator Amy Klobuchar event tentatively scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM at the Law Enforcement Center; the time is subject to change. The visit is a follow up to the June 2014 storm event and to view the recovery and how FEMA assisted.

The County Board was in receipt of a notice of the Southwest Mental Health Annual Meeting scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

By order of the Chair, directing the Administrator to draft a letter opposing the EAP-HQ-OAR-2008-0699-0353 regarding air quality standards for Ozone.

The Administrator presented a departmental office restructure for the Land Records Office; the office would consist of a Director, Assistant Director, (2) Technicians and (1) Staff Assistant II. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to the restructure as presented by the Administrator, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Hoime stated he had attended an Extension meeting and Battle Plain township meeting where fire protection fees were discussed.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he also attended the Extension meeting and (3) township meetings within his district.

Commissioner Thompson had attended an event hosted by Senator Klochubar's staff regarding aging; also attended the Legislative Conference. Thompson stated that Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center is hosting a fundraiser scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Boyenga informed the County Board that Jeff Fick has been appointed to fill the vacant position left by Larry Boelman on the Kanaranzi Township board.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.