

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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September 18, 2012

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Andy Adamson, Gary Nilsson, Corene Vaughn, Hugh Ralston, and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Adamson called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Corene Vaughn and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the September 4, 2012 meeting, August 23, 2012 Special Meeting, September 6, 2012 Special Meeting and September 13, 2012 Special Meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Additions to the agenda include a report on the Northeast Human Service meeting attended by Commissioner Vaughn.

Kenneth Olafson requested a variance to the Burn Ban Proclamation to burn a house that has been demolished in Gardar Township. Commission will be meeting with Jill Pedersen, Emergency Manager, at the October 2, 2012 meeting to discuss a burn ordinance that is being reviewed by the State's Attorney's office. Commission informed Mr. Olafson that they are unable to make an exception and deny the variance. Mr. Olafson will contact the Commission after the October 2, 2012 meeting to see if any exceptions can be made.

Pembina County Fair Board minutes and financial statement were reviewed.

Pembina County JDA minutes were reviewed.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes were reviewed.

Drainage permit received from Newell Brothers Farm to clean and shape the north side of the ditch along County Road 55 in Sections 2 and 3 of Felson Township. Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, inspected the sight and approved the request. Motion made by Corene Vaughn and seconded by Gary Nilsson to approve the permit as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Raffle permit request received from St Joseph Preservation Society. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Corene Vaughn to approve the permit request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Vaughn reported on the Northeast Human Service meeting she attended in Grand Forks on Monday, September 17, 2012. Pembina County residents are helped through this service. Discussion followed.

Commission was informed of a letter received from Duane Littlejohn regarding roadside mowing. Mr. Littlejohn states he is unable to mow approximately one mile of the ditch in the S ½ of Section 9 in Midland Township due to the condition of the ditch. Discussion followed. Mr. Littlejohn will be notified to contact all township supervisors regarding the issue.

Chairman Adamson reported on the Red River Joint Water Resource District meeting he attended in Fargo on September 11, 2012. Ed Stremick, Pembina County Water Resource District, also attended. The additional Canadian Dike lawsuit funding was approved by the Red River Joint Water Resource District. Commissioner Walker will be attending an Executive Committee meeting in Fargo on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Pembina County Water Resource Board discussed the meeting they attended in Bismarck, with the State Water Commission, to request additional funding, which was approved, for the Canadian Dike lawsuit. Robert Fleming, Water Board Attorney, explained the cost share process for the Canadian Dike lawsuit. Updates were given on the Renwick Dam project and the Tongue River Cut-off near Russell Edgar's property. Water Board commented on a proposed riparian project along the O'Hara Bridge and stated they may be able to do a cost share for bank stabilization. Sarah Braaten will meet with the Water Board after meeting with the Commission.

Sarah Braaten, Red River Regional Council, discussed a riparian project along the O'Hara Bridge. Ms. Braaten presented an Engineer's estimate from K2S Engineering Inc., for the project. Discussion followed. Project will be presented to the Red River Riparian committee and board for review and approval, on Thursday, September 20, 2012, pending approval by the Little South Pembina Watershed committee.

Commission discussed concerns about the upkeep of the Metis Cemetery. The cemetery belongs to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and is not being maintained. Discussion followed. Chairman Adamson will contact Tom Trenbeath and report back at the next meeting.

Sarah Braaten returned after meeting with the Pembina County Water Board. Motion made by Corene Vaughn and seconded by Gary Nilsson to send a letter to the Pembina County Water Board requesting cost share funding for the O'Hara Bridge riparian project. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Corene Vaughn to accept the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was presented with the 2013 – 2014 County Federal Aid Program sheet for future road and bridge projects. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the Chairman to sign the county's program sheet as presented.

With no further business, Chairman Adamson declared the meeting adjourned.