

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 16, 2016 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth; a Daily News Reporter and Visitor Lois Berndt.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

House Fire in City of Mooreton - Fire Departments from Mooreton, Dwight and Wahpeton responded to the house fire on August 4 at 6:30 A.M. The Sheriff Department and American Red Cross also assisted.

Cargill Plant Fire - The Dwight Fire Department responded to a dryer fire from 3:30-6:30 A.M. on August 4.

Hoop Barn Fire at Hansen Farm on Sheyenne River - The Leonard Fire Department responded to the barn fire. 75 round bales of hay were lost. No animals or vehicles were lost.

FEMA Projects - Still waiting on some close-out requests; State/FEMA Audit for 2011 Flood is scheduled for September 12-14 - some projects were not done and we will need to pay the money back.

Emergency Operations Plan - Working on updating the Plan for 2016-2018.

**LOIS BERNDT - RICHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Berndt requested something be placed on the November Ballot asking the voters to approve an increase from 1/4 mill to 1/2 mill for the Richland County Historical Society. Finances are a concern for the Historical Society, they work mostly with volunteers but have two employees that work Saturdays - they could use another employee.

Bailey reported the Historical Society can levy up to 3/4 of a mill upon approval of 60% of the voters - they are currently at 1/4 mill.

A motion was made by Berseth to place the request on the November Ballot for the voters to decide on the 1/4 mill increase for the Richland County Historical Society; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed a letter from Don Heitkamp re- Decree by Ag Commissioner Goehring - No action was taken by the Board.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Gaming License for the Head of the Red Youth Activities Assn for gaming at Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a letter from the West Prairie Lutheran Church re- acquisition of 3.05 acres of land. Bailey will send a reply stating the Commission will address their request when the County acquires the property from the State.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve Temporary Liquor Licenses for the Black Pelican for Events at the Bagg Farm September 3-4, September 10-11 and September 24-25 AND for an event at the Crooked Lanes Farm September 24-25 pending Township approval; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

## **WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

- Several reconstruction projects will be completed this fall.

- The Water Board submitted to the Commission for approval, expenses they incurred in June and July for the Bliss Law Firm relating to the diversion project. A motion was made by Berseth to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District for June & July Bliss Law Firm expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Berg asked about the Drain 2 project - The anticipated start date by Riley Bros is September 12 with a completion date of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Berg reported he received a call from Jim Anderson about a diagonal culvert across CH#4 west of his place - Anderson stated he has paperwork that states the culvert was to be in place for two years and then removed by the County. Brief discussion followed - Berg will follow-up with Anderson and the paperwork.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Co Rd 23 - Mark Sand & Gravel has completed the paving, need to do shoulder work and striping, no word on when they will start other projects.

HB 1176 Projects -


- No word from Astech on Chip Seals for CH#21, CH#3 and CH#19.
- Preconstruction meeting with Mayo Construction on #21E is scheduled for August 18 at 10:00 AM in Hankinson.

Other Department Matters -

- Started work replacing culvert south of the Richland Church - Bridge 122-8.1, will be doing grade raise to be same elevation as the north crossing
- Asphalt has been patched over culvert replacements east of Great Bend

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

  
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Tim Campbell  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners