

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIDEO CONFERENCE
JULY 21, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 21, 2020 by Video Conference with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson all joining the meeting by Videoconference or Teleconference. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer (via video conference) and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko (via videoconference).

Other County Personnel joining the meeting via videoconference or teleconference included: Sandy Fossum, Kristen Hasbargen, Brett Lambrecht, and Jesse Sedler. Visitor Lester Johnson joined a portion of the meeting by videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Agenda as amended. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Law Enforcement Annual Operating & Financial Plan between Richland County and the USDA Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Vote was unanimous.

- Notification from Garrison Diversion re- Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program
- Request from City of Lidgerwood to appoint Mayor Krause to the Richland County Job Development Authority Board (Hage will follow-up)

Hage gave an update on the Courthouse/LEC addition - the plans have been drawn up by Stroh Architects and have been sent to Comstock Construction for the bidding process. The plans have been changed slightly - the mechanical room needed is smaller than originally thought so the extra space is being looked at to add a small treatment room for Covid-19 testing, etc. or for those who don't have mobility to get upstairs. Plans are to break ground the end of August or early September.

SECOND READING OF GLASS BOTTLE ORDINANCE

The Board discussed the Ordinance and considered amending it to be County wide rather than specific to Mooreton Pond. State's Attorney Kummer said it would take a simple edit but would need to be re-published and delay the Ordinance for Mooreton Pond.

Following discussion it was the consensus of the Board to approve the Ordinance as presented and to have State's Attorney Kummer prepare a second Ordinance for all other County Parks.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the 2nd Reading of the Glass Bottle Ordinance as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Lester Johnson addressed the Commission with concerns on Co Hwy 1, the five miles between Colfax and Walcott. His concerns are:

- these are the only two towns in the County not connected by blacktop
- the north two miles is almost impassable at times
- years ago there was a 7 mill levy to blacktop and this never happened due to the Interstate coming in

Sedler replied there are approximately 250 black top miles now and has a concern with paving 5 miles here and there; may need to re-evaluate on where we have pavement with limited traffic.

Discussion included -

- looking at options to tile and build up the base before blacktopping
- looking into bonding for tiling projects (would need a vote of the citizens)
- Capital mills option (waiting on an answer from the State)
- estimated cost for 20 miles a year would be appx \$300,000

In other business, Engineer Sedler updated on the following:

Load Pass Permit System - Last December the Board rescinded a motion to implement the Load Pass Permit System and asked about customizing the fee schedule for Harvest Permits in our region.

Sedler recently received notice from Load Pass Permits that the Load Pass Advisory Committee voted to change the Harvest Permit Fees as requested by the County.

Discussion followed and included:

- a starting date, pre-harvest will be in appx 3 weeks
- why allow overloads/permits don't generate money to pay for the road repairs
- truck regulatory all year long and enforcement
- damage to roads and costs for repair/County Highway Budget
- update people of what we expect from them at meetings & also talk about bonding at those meetings

Following discussion a motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Thompson to proceed with the LoadPass System effective January 1. Vote was unanimous.

Co Rd 8 Box Culvert - Two bids were received for the box culvert project -

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| Comstock | \$79,967.50 |
| Heley's | \$81,143.00 |

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berseth to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

Equipment Issues -

- recent repair bill for a truck of \$12,000
- problems with one of the loaders
- in the last week six trucks were in for repairs, two are still not on the road

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Covid Update/Reopening Plan - discussion included bringing all employees back to work in the buildings and also re-opening.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to bring all employees back to the Courthouse and LEC beginning Monday, July 27th. Voting NO were Berg, Campbell and Ehlert. Berseth and Thompson voted Yes. Motion Failed.

Also discussed was the need for PPE, on-going cleaning, a Tele-commute Policy, a plan if an outbreak, clear guidelines and/or a County Policy and exceptions for underlying medical conditions or child care issues.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to bring all employees back to the Courthouse and LEC beginning September 1 and those employees that need exceptions, work with their Department Head or Auditor Hage. Voting NO was Campbell, the remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

November Election - Hage requested the Board consider consolidating some Polling Places for the November election. She will send the Board members information on the current precincts and number of votes at those precincts for the last several elections.

Virtual Meetings - Hage requested the Board consider holding the second meeting each month virtually on a continued basis.

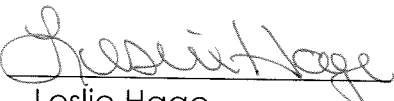
Voter Friendly Campus Assn - Hage is on this newly formed Committee which met on the 15th of July and is scheduled to meet again on July 29.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

4 Commission Meeting
4-5 Budget Meetings
18 Commission Meeting
24 State Audit

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners

**RICHLAND COUNTY
GLASS BOTTLE ORDINANCE**

Purpose

The Richland County Commission finds and declares that the presence of glass containers at Mooreton Pond, which is used by the public for recreational purposes, is a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of members of the general public and that the public health, safety and welfare would be served by prohibiting containers or similar objects made entirely or partially of glass at Mooreton Pond.

Definitions

- A. "Glass container" as used herein shall mean any container, receptacle, bottle, cup, drinking vessel, utensil, dish or similar object made entirely or partially of glass.
- B. "Mooreton Pond" as used herein shall mean the pond itself, the recreational area surrounding the pond, and driving area around the pond.

General Provisions

No person shall take, transport, carry, use or have in their possession any glass container at Mooreton Pond. The Commission may, in its discretion, designate certain areas, or portions thereof, as areas wherein glass bottles or other glass containers will be permitted. These areas will be designated with signage. Failure to comply with such prohibition on glass bottles or containers shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance. This prohibition shall not apply to glass bottles or containers used in the care and feeding of infant children.

Penalties

- A. Any person who shall violate or assist in the violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of and punished as follows:
 - a. First offense shall be an infraction with a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 - b. Second offense shall be an infraction with a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - c. All subsequent offenses shall be an infraction with a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- B. For all violations of this ordinance, fines shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
- C. Each offense shall be considered a separate offense and subject to a fine.
- D. Violations of this Ordinance may result in immediate removal from Mooreton Pond and/or notice of trespass from Mooreton Pond.
- E. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be financially responsible for any effects of using or possessing glass at Mooreton Pond.

Severability Clause

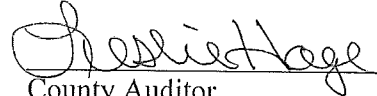
- A. Should any section, provision or part of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication should not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
- B. This Ordinance will not supersede any ordinance of any political subdivision without its consent.
- C. It is the intention of the Richland County Commission in enacting this chapter to provide an additional remedy to meet a particular problem. It is not the intent of the Board to supersede any other applicable laws or regulations.

APPROVED:


Vice Chair, Board of Commissioners of the County of Richland

First Reading: 6/16/20
Second Reading: 7/21/20
Final Passage: 7/21/20
Publication: 6/21/20 and 6/28/20

ATTEST:


County Auditor