

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 19, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 19, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, and Perry Miller. Commissioner Rollie Ehlert was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum, Oland and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

**MINN-DAK BOND REFINANCING**

Simone Sandberg explained that the Bonds were issued in 2013 for Minn-Dak and the interest rate formula is changing; she requested the Commission adopt a Resolution approving a Third Supplemental Indenture of Trust. The Resolution approves a change in the computation of interest on the Series 2013A Bonds from a LIBOR to a SOFR index. Richland County has no liability for any payments on the bonds so the change has no impact on the County.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to adopt a Resolution approving a third supplemental indenture of trust relating to Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative Project. Vote was unanimous. Campbell requested that State's Attorney Kummer review the documents.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from ND Environmental Quality re- MinnDak permits

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve a Temporary Liquor License for Antelope Creek Bar & Grill for an Event at the Abercrombie Fairgrounds August 6-7, contingent on meeting the licensing requirements. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell for Richland County to act as the intermediary for the Richland/Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum received notice from the City of Wyndmere that the Council accepted a bid to demolish the buildings on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Wyndmere from Marshall Braaten in the amount of \$127,500. The County's share will be \$63,750.

Fossum reported a petition was received from Chad and Jen Mauch to annex into the Hankinson School District; Fossum is working with the County Supt of Schools on the process.

### **KAYLA CARLSON - STAFFING**

Carlson requested the Board consider her request to change an Account Specialist position to a Health Program Coordinator position. By shifting duties they can optimize the use of staff time and grant funding. Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve the change contingent on the position being 90% grant funded. Vote was unanimous.

In other business, Carlson reported she has contacted the State regarding the use of the pickup by the Emergency Manager (as discussed at budget meetings) and is waiting for a reply from the state on the stipulations for the vehicle.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern. Also in attendance was visitor Doug Bladow.

Sedler gave a brief update on Highway projects.

Doug Bladow of Prime Concrete was in attendance to discuss a letter he received from the County disputing a bill he sent the County for grading work, snow removal, mowing and weed spraying at the Wahpeton Shop location. It was the consensus of the Board that Bladow meet with the Highway Portfolio and Engineer Sedler to find an acceptable resolution.

### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Elections - Fossum is waiting on information from the Vendor on the Vote By Mail Process. Berseth requested time be scheduled on the next meeting Agenda to discuss Voting Locations.

Water Resource Budget - Burvee reported Richland County has 394 miles of rivers & creeks, 42 legal drains (300 miles) and 31 of the 36 townships in Richland County have a legal drain or property assessed to a legal drain. He explained that the Waterways Fund is utilized as a "savings account" for snagging and clearing.

Berseth voiced concerns with \$350,000 in the 2023 budget for Waterways and encouraged the Water Board to look at competitive bidding for snagging and clearing. Berseth also suggested looking at various options for interest and to check with the WRB Attorney as to where that interest could be used.

Berseth recommended staying at 2.75 mills.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

- A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to send a letter of support for the WBI Energy Natural Gas Line Project. Vote was unanimous.
- Berseth gave a brief update on the 5-County Meeting held July 7 - SEMCA and housing inmates were discussed at that meeting.
- Campbell thanked Joan Oland, IT Network Administrator for her 30 years of Service to Richland County, she will be retiring the end of the month.
- Miller reported he spoke with Janet Gagelin about the concerns he was hearing on the hours of the Richland County Museum; the museum is operated by their own Board, not the County. Miller has agreed to act as a liaison.
- Fossum requested the first meeting in October be moved due to a conflict with the NDACo annual meeting which is scheduled for October 2-4. (The October meetings will be held October 5 and October 18)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

July

19 Meeting with Realtors re- tax foreclosure properties

August

2 Commission Meeting

16 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:   
Sandy Fossum  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Nathan Berseth  
Board of Richland County Commissioners