

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

The County Board of Nobles County met in special session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: David Benson, Diane Thier, Vern Leistico and Marvin Zylstra.

Others in attendance included: Melvin Ruppert, County Administrator; Gordon Moore, County Attorney; Sharon Balster, County Auditor-Treasurer and Lynn Wilson, County Recorder.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Marvin Zylstra, Board Chair, introduced commissioners and county staff in attendance.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to approve the agenda.

Marvin Zylstra, Board Chair, reviewed the vacancy in District IV and the chain of events leading up to this hearing.

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to open the hearing.

Chairman Zylstra reviewed the purpose of the hearing, statute and outlined the process/procedures for the hearing. He also recognized public officials that were in attendance. A complete list of officials notified is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. County Administrator Ruppert reviewed the qualifications – affidavit of candidacy that potential candidates would need to meet.

Gerald Mulder spoke on his own behalf indicating an interest in serving as commissioner to fill just the vacancy.

Gene Foth spoke on his own behalf indicating an interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy in District IV but is not interested in running for the four year term.

Bob Demuth, Jr. spoke on his own behalf indicating an interest in seeking election to a four year term and supported the appointment process to fill the interim vacancy.

County Administrator Ruppert, read correspondence received from Mike Peil asking to be considered for appointment. Letters of support from Jason Vote and Glenn Thuringer were read in support of Bob Demuth Jr.

Consensus of the constituents present at the hearing spoke in support of appointment to fill the vacancy. The Board of Commissioners will take action to fill the vacancy in Commissioner District IV at their 9:00 a.m. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board meeting.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed to close the public hearing

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sine dies.

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Chairperson

Attest:

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County Administrator