

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, February 02, 2021, at the Board of Commissioners Room, Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance in the Board Room: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Donald Linssen, Robert S. Demuth and Bob Paplow.

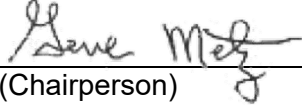
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Metz at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Call to Order	
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance	
3.0 Approval of Agenda	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. Motion by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
4.0 Recognition	
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1	January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft <u>Attachments:</u> January 19, 2021 Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes
5.2	January 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes Draft <u>Attachments:</u> January 27, 2021 Draft Special Board Meeting Minutes
5.3	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Expenses paid – Employees Expenses paid – Board
5.4	Auditor’s & Commissioner’s Warrants <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor’s Warrants
5.5	Legal Service Agreement – Travis Smith & Kayla Johnson <u>Attachments:</u> Agreement
5.6	Legal Service Agreement – Rinke Noonan <u>Attachments:</u> Agreement
5.7	Voiance Language Services, LLC <u>Attachments:</u> Agreement
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	

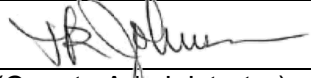
6.0	Department Presentations
6.1	Septic Loan Subordination Attachments: Detail Sheet
Discussion was continued from the 01/19/2021 board meeting on the septic loan subordination and the County's position on doing so. Language was developed with the assistance from the County Attorney. <i>"Nobles County does not subordinate SSTS loans to any subsequent loans and liens recorded against the property. The loan will be a special assessment recorded as a lien against the property. Landowners approved for a loan must record the SSTS loan as a lien against the property for a special assessment. All recording fees, including research fees, lien recording and lien satisfaction fees, and any other standard recording fees, must be paid by the applicant to the County at the time the lien is recorded."</i>	
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the language as presented. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
6.2	Extension Request for Comprehensive Water Plan Attachments: Letter Resolution 202102
A letter is needed from Nobles County to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) requesting a five-year extension on our current comprehensive water plan due to expire on March 25, 2021. Nobles County is currently involved in the Des Moines River One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P). The next step in the planning schedule is to enter into an agreement with a consulting firm to develop the 10-year plan. All the steps in this process are the same as was done in the Missouri River 1W1P. The Missouri River 1W1P has been completed and funded. BWSR recommends a five-year extension of our current water plan in order for us to write it after the Des Moines River 1W1P project is finished.	
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the extension of the water plan with resolution 202102 and letter. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
7.1	Jury Door Remodel
Bids were received for upgrading the access doors between the jury box and the jury deliberation rooms. 3 bids were received in which Clair Van Grouw construction was the low bidder.	
VOTING It was duly passed to award the jury room door project to Clair Van Grouw Construction in the amount of \$11,300. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
6.3	Surplus Property
Unit number 3146 a HDS9310 Hitch Doc snow blower has been replaced and Public Works is requesting it be declared surplus property.	
VOTING It was duly passed to declare the Hitch Doc snow blower as surplus property. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
7.2	Citizen Appointments Attachments:

	Application
Annually the board needs to approve citizens to Nobles County boards and committees. An application from Darrin Pater who wished to be re appointed to the DAC board.	
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to approve Darrin Pater be re appointed to the Developmental Achievement Center board for a 3 year term. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
7.3 (Addendum)	Child Care Aware <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202103
For the first time since Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Care Aware services were implemented statewide in 1989, DHS (Department of Human Services) is requiring agencies to re-apply to deliver Child Care Aware services. Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC) will be submitting an application to remain the Region 8 Child Care Aware agency for the counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock Counties. DHS first awarded the program to SMOC in 1989 and Karen DeBoer has been with that program since that award.	
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to adopt resolution 202103 in support of SMOC remaining the Region 8 Child Care Aware agency for our area. Moved by: Linszen, Donald Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
8.0 Inter-Agency Reports/Announcements	
8.1	Committee and Board Reports
	<p>County Attorney – Joe Sanow – Office is fully staffed, and the new attorney is working out well. The new judge is also meshing well with staff. Most trials are still on hold due to COVID. Hope that will change once mass vaccines are available.</p> <p>District I - Commissioner Ahlers – RNCC meeting, work crew is able to go out but limited to 2 workers. The taxi contract is up for renewal, so bids will go out at the appropriate time.</p> <p>District V - Commissioner Linszen – Attended the Transit board and echoed Commissioner Ahlers that the taxi contract will be bid out. ACE meeting, they are still low in numbers as they are unable to do the majority of their activities.</p> <p>District IV – Commissioner Demuth – Reported on the Okabena-Ocheda drawdown, which continues to be successful, they were going to try seining the lake for carp – weather permitting.</p> <p>District II - Commissioner Metz – Attended the Rural MN Energy board, which had a lot of legislative talk. Renewable energy was a large topic as well. Electric cars were also a subject of conversation.</p> <p>District III - Commissioner Paplow – Attended the Fair Board meeting. The 2021 fair is being planned at this point.</p>
8.2	Correspondence <u>Attachments:</u> Recruitment Update KLR Profit vs. Loss HLWD Meeting Minutes 11/18/2020

	KLR Agenda 1/21/2021 SWCD Agenda 1/20/2021 KLR Accounting Sheets HLWD Agenda 1/20/2021 NSWCD Profit & Loss Sheets NSWCD Meeting Minutes 12/23/2020 NSWCD Bills Payable KLR Agenda October 10/8/2020
8.3	Calendar <u>Attachments:</u> February 2021
9.0	Other / Future Business Board Meeting – Tuesday February 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. Nobles County Board Room
10.0 Adjournment	
VOTING It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	



 (Chairperson)



 (County Administrator)