

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, July 06, 2021, at the Board of Commissioners Room, Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance in the Board Room: Gene Metz, Donald Linssen, and Bob Paplow, Robert S. Demuth and Justin Ahlers.

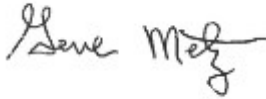
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Metz at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	
<b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Excellence in Performance – June 2021
Tammy Fishel, County Financial Assistance Supervisor, was recognized at the County’s June recipient of the Excellence in Performance award.	
<b>4.2</b>	Years of Service
Sue Luing, Human Resource Director, was recognized for her 40 years of continued service with the County.	
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>June 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b>Attachments:</b> June 15, 2021 Draft Special Board Meeting Minutes
<b>5.2</b>	<b>June 15, 2021 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b>Attachments:</b> June 15, 2021 Draft Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes
<b>5.3</b>	<b>June 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b>Attachments:</b> June 22, 2021 Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Conferences – Travel Expenses Paid</b> <b>Attachments:</b> Expenses Paid – Employees Expenses Paid – Board
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Auditor’s &amp; Commissioner’s Warrants</b> <b>Attachments:</b> Accounts Payable Summary Warrants / Vouchers
<b>5.6</b>	<b>Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant Agreement</b> <b>Attachments:</b> Agreement

<b>VOTING</b>	
It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Abatement DK Buildings Parcel 31-3406-260</b> <b>A. Open Hearing (Action)</b> <b>B. Proposed Abatement – Discussion</b> <b>C. Public Comment</b> <b>D. Close Hearing (Action)</b> <b>E. Decisions</b> <b>1. DK Buildings Parcel 31-3406-260 – Resolution 202138 (Action)</b> <u>Attachments:</u> NHI Nobles County Guidelines Application information NHI Agreement Resolution 202138
<b>A.</b> A motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to open the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing for DK Buildings Parcel 31-3406-260 <b>B.</b> Bruce Heitkamp, Nobles County Administrator, reviewed the Nobles Home Initiative Application. <b>C.</b> No public comments were received. <b>D.</b> On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing. <b>E.</b> On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 202138 approving tax abatement to DK Buildings Parcel 31-3406-260 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813..	
<b>7.0 Administration Presentation</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>County Sheriff Appointment Process</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202136
Prior practice was to formally acknowledge the mid-term appointment of a public official by resolution. Procedures relevant to mid-term appointments of specified public officials is covered in Minnesota Statute 375.08. The board reviewed resolution 202136 to formally acknowledge the mid-term appointment of Ryan Kruger as Nobles County's Sheriff.	
<b>VOTING</b>	
It was duly passed to approve resolution 202136. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Ending of COVID-19 State of Emergency</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202137
Nobles County's State of Emergency formalized the necessity for subsequent actions to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Policies and Administrative Articles were adopted by the Board of Commissioners as part of the response effort. Several of the items within the Policies and Administrative Articles were proclaimed to end when Minnesota ended their State of Emergency. Staff acknowledges a need to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance relating to: coronavirus diagnosis & symptoms, travel, quarantine/isolation; among other items	
<b>VOTING</b>	
It was duly passed to adopt resolution 202135. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	

7.3	<p><b>Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners Appointments</b>  <b>Attachments:</b>  Appointees Bio's  Resolution 202133</p>
<p>The Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Association Board of Commissioners (LPRW) is acknowledging that three of their Commissioners have terms ending on December 31, 2021. Those three Board Members are: Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman. On May 24, 2021, the LPRW Board unanimously acted to recommend Board Members Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman all be reappointed to four (4) year terms, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 116A, beginning on January 1, 2022. The LPRW Board is now requesting the Nobles County Commissioners acknowledge, by resolution, the aforementioned Commissioners are qualified to act as LPRW Commissioners and are worthy of reappointment.</p>	
<p><b>VOTING</b>  It was duly passed to adopt resolution 202133 to recommend the appointment of Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman, respectively, to the LPRW Board of Commissioners pursuant to Statutes 116A for four (4) year terms, beginning on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2025.  Moved by: Paplow, Bob  Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Short Term Engineer Agreement</b></p>
<p>The Nobles County Engineer is retiring on June 30, 2021. Efforts to appoint a new County Engineer, through a hiring process, will not take place by July 1, 2021. According to Minnesota Statute 163.07, the county board of each county shall appoint a highway engineer who may have charge of the highway work of the county and the forces employed thereon, and who shall make and prepare all surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications which are required of the engineer. The agreement has yet to be reviewed by County Attorney Sanow which led to a decision to act on the agreement after Mr. Sanow could review it.</p>	
<p><b>VOTING</b>  It was duly passed to table the Short Term Engineer Agreement until a Special Board meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.  Moved by: Linssen, Donald  Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
<p><b>8.0 Inter-Agency Reports/Announcements</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>Committee and Board Reports</b></p>
<p>District I - Commissioner Ahlers – Absent.</p> <p>District V - Commissioner Linssen – Reported on the Chief Elected Officials meeting and also reported on the Martin County internship program. Lastly reported on several of the DEED offices are closing once their lease is up and continuing to work from home.</p> <p>District IV – Commissioner Demuth – Reported on tagged carp in surrounding lakes. Also on meetings attended such as EET, the BOE, Soils &amp; Water, DAC, Planning and Zoning and RNCC.</p> <p>District II - Commissioner Metz – Reported that both the Plum Creek Library and SMOC are both needing to hire new directors. Updated on plans for the EWR picnic scheduled to be July 14<sup>th</sup> 2021.</p> <p>District III - Commissioner Paplow – Reported on a Fair Board meeting an the planning process for the 2021 fair.</p> <p>Administration – Bruce Heitkamp – Updated on several county projects.</p>	
8.2	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>Attachments:</b>  Recruitment Update  Nobles County Art Center Board Meeting Minutes 6/8/21  HLWD Meeting Agenda 6/16/21  SWCD Meeting Minutes 5/19/21</p>

	SWCD Meeting Agenda 6/16/21
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Calendar Attachments:</b> June 2021 July 2021
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Work Session</b> – Wednesday June 30, 2021 8:30 a.m. Nobles County Board Room <b>Board Meeting</b> – Tuesday July 06, 2021 9:00 a.m. Nobles County Board Room <b>Board Meeting</b> – Tuesday July 20, 2021 9:00 a.m. Nobles County Board Room
<b>10.0 Adjournment</b>	
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	



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(Chairperson)



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(County Administrator)