

Traverses County Commission  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Dave Salberg. Other Commissioners present were Todd Johnson, Kayla Schmidt, Tom Monson, and Mark Gail. The pledge of allegiance was recited. With the following addition to the agenda, contract with Leanne Peyton, the agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson. The minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting were approved upon a motion by Gail and second by Schmidt. There were several in attendance for the public comment period. Allen Wold and Angela Wold both appeared before the Board to present his concerns regarding the Dollymount Dairy conditional use permit. They both are concerned with the county water supply and the impact a new dairy may have on the county water supply. Ann Zibell appeared before the Board to communicate her concerns over the management of the Traverse Care Center and Prairieview Place and asked for time following the TCC discussion. Brady Jansen from Riverview Dairy appeared before the Board with information regarding the water supply concerns in regards to the Dollymount Dairy Project.

**Public Hearing for the Issuance of Municipal Industrial Development Revenue Bonds**

Chairman Salberg asked for comments regarding the Municipal Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for Dupree Pork, LLP. There were no public comments and no comments from the Board. Upon motion by Monson and second by Gail the Issuance of Municipal Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for Dupree Pork, LLP passed unanimously.

**Highway Department**

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer, appeared before the Board. Gillespie presented the Board with a draft of his department's County Road Use Agreement that has been prepared for Riverview, LLP for the Twelve-Mile Dairy. Gillespie informed the Board that the Box Culvert project was in the final phases that included spreading gravel and grass seeding. Gillespie also informed the Board that concrete crushing would be done by the end of the week depending on rainfall, bituminous crushing is approximately two weeks out from completion. Gillespie updated the Board on a District 2 and District 4 pre-screening meeting that he attended, he said it was very informative and helpful to meet with Districts that similar issues to Traverse County. The recently acquired building located at 610 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N has been demolished. Gillespie's department is working out at the city/county pit and are also scouting for problem areas in anticipation for winter snow plowing.

**Traverse Care Center Strategic Discussion**

Sharon Thole, Executive Vice President of Operations Health Dimensions Group, Eric Lunde, President of Legacy Board, and Dylan Hanson, TCC Administrator appeared before the Board. Their primary order of business was to discuss the proposed increase in lease payments and asked for the Board to consider lowering the lease payment for a one year lease. Their business has been impacted by COVID and would like the year to recover. Commissioners Monson, Schmidt and Salberg had questions for Hanson and Thole, discussion took place. The Board would like additional time to consider their proposal, they will be discussing it at the next Board meeting. Ann Zibell spoke on her concerns of the management of the Traverse Care Center and Prairieview Place and Administrator Hanson.

**Zoning Administrator**

Ben Oleson appeared before the Board and gave an update regarding the Planning Commission meeting that was held October 13, 2021. Oleson reported that there were approximately 25-30 people in

attendance for the public comment period regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the Twelve Mile Dairy project and the meeting ended with the Planning Commissions recommendation to approve the Conditional Use Permit with conditions. The Conditions are, a maximum limit of 12,00 dairy cattle and the that the Department of Natural Resources groundwater appropriation permitting has been completed prior to the issuance of any permits to begin construction of the facility. T. Johnson made a motion to postpone approval up to 60 days until the final review of the DNR has been submitted there was a second by Schmidt. Discussion took place and the motion passed with a 4-1 vote with Monson opposed.

#### **Auditor**

Kit Johnson, County Auditor, appeared before the Board with a department update. K. Johnson continues to offer support to the Wheaton Area Schools for their upcoming election with a variety of different educational and training opportunities. K. Johnson brought forth his proposal for redistricting and has gathered more research on the process. K. Johnson noted that there is a grant opportunity to acquire additional election equipment that could be utilized after the proposed redistricting. The Commissioners agreed to talk about redistricting at the next regular Board meeting. K. Johnson is working on the Truth in Taxation notices. K. Johnson has been contacted by the Bois De Sioux Watershed District regarding potential land acquisition from the Upper Minnesota Watershed. Second half taxes are being processed and next week his staff will be sending late notices to those who have not paid.

#### **Veterans Services**

Dustin Kindelberger, Veteran's Services Officer appeared via Zoom with a department update. The following resolution was approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Gail:

#### **RESOLUTION OF TRAVERSE COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED by Traverse County that the County enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Traverse County that Dustin Kindelberger, the County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board Chair this nineteenth day of October, 2021.

Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_ October 19, 2021

*Authorized Signature and Title Date*

STATE OF MINNESOTA

TRAVERSE COUNTY

I, Lisa Zahl do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the County Board of said Traverse County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the County Board of said

Traverse County at a regular meeting thereof held on the Third Tuesday of October 2021 at 10:30 am that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this third Tuesday of October 2021.

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*Authorized Signature and Title*

The \$7,500 grant can be used for operational expenses and a portion of this grant provides transportation within Traverse County for both Veteran's and their families. Within the year Kindelberger is planning on using those funds to set up a satellite office in the Browns Valley American Legion with the hours of operation to be determined. Kindelberger reported that the Household Hazardous Waste pickup was a success this year with the amount increasing from last year. Last week his department presented 5 Quilts of Valor to our County Veterans.

#### **Soil and Water Conservation District**

Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board with the following resolution that was approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Monson:

#### **RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE TRAVERSE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Traverse County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014 and, that is extended until December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Traverse County has demonstrated its interest in developing Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans as per Minnesota Statutes § 103B.801 using the One Watershed One Plan planning process by

- a) Development and adoption and entered into a partnership implementation agreement for the Mustinka - Bois de Sioux Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan;
- b) April 6, 2021 Traverse County approved a Memorandum of Agreement demonstrating commitment to involvement with the Upper Minnesota River One Watershed One Plan planning grant and planning process; and
- c) Traverse County staff have participated in initial planning meetings and the development of an application for a One Watershed One Plan planning grant for the Upper Minnesota River which was submitted to and selected by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and

**WHEREAS**, BWSR selected the Upper Minnesota River One Watershed One Plan planning grant application which has a grant agreement end date of June 30, 2024 and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Traverse County requests the BWSR an extension of the effective date of the current Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until December 31, 2024 in order to transition to Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning consistent with Minnesota Statute 103B.801;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Traverse County continue to utilize its Local Water Management Plan until the completion of a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan on or before December 31, 2024.

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#### CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota  
Office of County Coordinator

County of Traverse

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of Traverse at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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Lisa Zahl  
Traverse County Coordinator

**County Coordinator**

Upon motion by T. Johnson and second by Schmidt the following bills were approved unanimously:

CARDMEMBER SERVICE	3,490.97
Counties Providing Technology	5,045.54
HORMANN/MARK	2,000.00
MEnd Correctional Care, PLLC	2,634.30
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNE	13,169.80
WEX Bank	2,305.90
A - OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.	2,210.40
ZIEGLER, INC.	9,525.02

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000 or less were 57, amounting to \$23,447.80.

Zahl informed the Board she has received Requests for Proposals for employee health insurance. The committee met and made the decision to change providers from PEIP to Minnesota Healthcare Consortium which offers Medica. Zahl asked for approval to make the switch. Upon motion by T. Johnson and second by Schmidt approval was granted unanimously. The Executive Committee met regarding the American Rescue Plan and have brought to the Board for final approval the purchase of CAMA Mobile for the Assessor's office, Pictometry for 2 flights, the replacement of the sidewalk around the Courthouse, Social Services and Law Enforcement, handicap accessible doors, chairs for the Auditor's office, and a snowblower-mower. The total for these items is \$366,488.96 which leaves approximately \$208,281.67 remaining. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and a second from Gail approval was granted unanimously for these expenditures. Zahl reminded the Board of the upcoming AMC District meeting Friday November 5, 2021. Zahl presented the Board with a service contract with LeAnn Peyton's in the Records office on an as needed basis, this contract will be paid out of the Recorder's Office Compliance fund. Upon a motion by Gail and second by Monson the contract was approved unanimously. Zahl passed along general updates.

Salberg gave a brief overview of his committee reports for Horizon Public Health and Soil & Water. Gail passed along that Rainbow Rider will attend the next Board meeting.

Salberg adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.