

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John Grimm, Robert Culhane, William Stangler, and Joseph Doherty, Chairman. Joseph Connolly was excused for personal reasons. Also present were Brent Christian and Peggy Donovan.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board approved the amended agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes of February 17, 2009 as presented.

Kathy Brockway, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared before the Board with the following action items:

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved via roll call vote 4-0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to LE SUEUR COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT (APPLICANT); LE SUEUR COUNTY (OWNER); to allow the applicant to operate a 4-site campground in a Special Protection "SP" District on a Recreational Development "RD" lake, Lake Washington. Property is located in the N 1/2, Section 12, Kasota Township.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved via roll call vote 4-0, the Board tabled the application of UNIMIN MINNESOTA CORPORATION, LE SUEUR, MN (APPLICANT); UNIMIN MINNESOTA CORPORATION, KASOTA, MN, (OWNER) to expand an existing mining operation consisting of 1334.27 acres, with 1,134.56 mineable acres in a Conservancy "C" District. Property is located in the SW/SW, Section 5; S/SE, SE/SW, Government Lot 1, Section 6; SE/NW, NE 1/4, Part of SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Government Lot 3, Section 7; W/NW, Part of SE/NW, Part of N/SW, Part of the SW/SW, Section 8; Part of W/NW, Part of NW/SW, Section 17; Part of Government Lot 2, Part of Government Lot 3, E/NW, NE1/4, N/SE, SW/SE, Part of E/SW, Section 18; Government Lot 6, Section 12, Kasota Township. A mandatory EIS is required for this project.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved, the Board appointed the following members to a subcommittee in order to review the Environmental Impact Statement: Jeanne Doheny, Don Reak, Chuck Retka and Gordy Traxler.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the Planning and Zoning Department to use the Sheriff Department's vehicle that was received through forfeiture.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Culhane and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Paul Ehmke as the First District Representative to the Board of Adjustment effective February 24, 2009 to December 31, 2012.

At 10:00am the Board convened a Public Hearing on the Ordinance Governing Parks. There was not anyone in attendance from the general public to give testimony. At 10:22 am the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Ordinance Governing Parks was approved and will go into effect upon publication. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the County Coordinator's office.

Tom Doherty, Chief Deputy, appeared before the Board with quotes for a vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. The following quotes were received:

New Prague Ford:

2009 Ford F150 4X4 SuperCrew	\$27,631.00
2009 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Supercrew 4X4	\$27,768.00

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the bid from New Prague Ford for the 2009 Ford F150 4X4 Supercrew for \$27,631.00.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Commissioner Grimm as the Le Sueur County Representative to the MRCI Board of Directors effective February 24, 2009 to April 27, 2011.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Stangler and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Kathy Brockway to a task force that will assist the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) Energy Facility Permitting staff in developing the scope of the EIS for the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kV transmission line project.

On motion by Grimm, seconded by Culhane and approved, the Board tabled any action on the Labor Management issue of smoking by the employees break room.

On motion by Stangler, seconded by Grimm and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Exempt Gambling Permit Application of the Le Sueur Valley Chapter of Ducks Unlimited for gambling to be done on March 28, 2009 at Caribou Gun Club and further waived the 30 (thirty) day waiting period.

On consensus motion, the Board approved a four month trial period to institute a consent agenda format to their board agenda.

On motion by Culhane, seconded by Grimm and approved, the Board adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 9:30 am.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Coordinator **Le Sueur County Chairman**