

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 22, 2022**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Dave Gliszinski, Danny O’Keefe, Steve Rohlfling and Lance Wetzel. John King was absent. Also present were Joe Martin, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0, the Board approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Rohlfling, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- March 15, 2022 Board Minutes and Board Summary Minutes
- Electronic Funds Transfer Report
- LG220 Application for Exempt Permit – Le Sueur County Friends – Caribou Gun Club

Patrick Traxler came before the Board during the Public Open Forum regarding blacktopping County Road 136.

Jim Dickie came before the Board during the Public Open Forum regarding their two lots on West Jefferson that have lost value due to the pump station built near their lots.

Aaron Stubbs, Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by Rohlfling, seconded by Gliszinski, and approved via roll call 4 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit with IMPACT POWER SOLUTIONS (IPS), ROSEVILLE, MN, (APPLICANT) KATHLEEN REGENSCHIED TRUST, C/O TRACY WARN, MINNEAPOLIS, MN, (OWNER): to allow a 1 MW Solar Energy System (SES) in an Agriculture “A” District. Property is located in NW ¼ SE 1/4, Section 24, Kasota Township.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Rohlfling and approved via roll call 4-0, the Board adopted A Resolution Assuming the Authority to Enforce the Parcel Transfer and Division Restrictions of Minnesota STATUTES § 272.162.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 272.162 specifies the conditions when a local government may restrict parcel transfers or land divisions; and

WHEREAS, the 90th Legislature adopted Chapter 1 in the 2017 First Special Session, amending Minnesota Statute § 272.162; and

WHEREAS, the amended Minnesota Statute § 272.162 authorizes a county to review a deed or other instrument conveying a parcel of land for transfer or division before it is recorded, ensuring conformity with the county’s land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, a county’s review of a proposed land transfer or division will protect land owners from problems arising from property splits not compliant with zoning regulations or inaccurate parcel descriptions; and

WHEREAS, a county must choose to assume the authority to review deeds or other instruments conveying parcels of land for transfer or division; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the restrictions on Minnesota Statute § 272.162 shall apply to property within Le Sueur County’s boundaries, specifically, the County Auditor shall not transfer or divide the land in the official records and shall not certify the deed or other instrument of conveyance as provided in Minnesota Statute § 272.162, if:

- a. The land conveyed is less than a whole parcel of land as charged in the tax lists;

- b. The part of land conveyed appears within the area of application of municipal or county subdivision regulations and filed under Minnesota Statute § 394.35 or § 462.36; and
- c. The part conveyed is part of or constitutes a subdivision as defined in Minnesota Statute § 462.352, Subdivision 12; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the county auditor may transfer or divide the land if its deed or instrument contains a certification by the clerk of the municipality or designated county planning official:

- a. That the municipality’s or county’s subdivision regulations do not apply;
- b. That the subdivision has been approved by the governing body of the municipality or county; or
- c. That the restrictions on the division of taxes and filing and recording have been waived be resolution of the governing body of the municipality or county in the particular case because compliance would create an unnecessary hardship and failure to comply would not interfere with the purpose of the regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, that the resolution assuming the authority to enforce the parcel transfer and division restrictions of Minnesota Statutes § 272.162, is hereby adopted.

This resolution shall become effective after its passage and required publication, with an effective date of June 1, 2022.

Passed this 22nd Day of March, 2022

Danny O’Keefe - Chair, Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners

Joseph Martin - County Administrator

Tyler Luethje, Parks Director came before the Board with recommendation to award bid to low bidder.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by Gliszinski, and approved via roll call 4 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to award bid for Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground to James Bros. Construction for \$1,251,858.13.

Leah Petricka, Region Nine Development Commissioner came before the Board with an update on Economic Development Work.

Holly Kalbus, Environmental Resources Specialist came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call 4 to 0, the Board approved the AIS Education Campaign Le Sueur Contract 2022 with KNXR FM 97.5 with a total cost not to exceed \$2400.

Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board with staffing updates.

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners and the Employee Recognition Committee would like to recognize the following employees on their significant length of service anniversary with Le Sueur County (1st quarter 2022).

30 Years	Jim McMillen	Building Maintenance
15 Years	Todd Lau	Sheriff’s Office
	Alesha Meyer	Sheriff’s Office
5 Years	Tiffany Frase	Sheriff’s Office
	Sheila Reem	Environmental Services

Staffing Updates –

Retirement:

Tom Widmer, full time Senior Appraiser in the Assessor’s Office, last day is April 29, 2022. Tom has been employed with Le Sueur County since June 1994.

Scott Schmidt, full time Engineering Technician III/Inspector in the Highway Department, last day is May 31, 2022. Scott has been employed with Le Sueur County since June 1976.

Promotion:

Payton Schlueter, full time Office Support Specialist in Human Services, Grade 3, Step E, \$21.49 per hour, promoted to full time Eligibility Worker in Human Services, Grade 7, Step A, \$23.59 per hour, effective April 2022. Payton has been employed with Le Sueur County since April 2018.

Dani Blaschko, Ditch Manager came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call 4 to 0, the Board approved and signed Change Order #1 for the County Ditch 41 project for \$1,553.19.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on COVIA work session, SC Work Task Force meeting.
- Commissioner King was absent.
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on COVIA work session.
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on COVIA work session, Park Board, Lower MN Watershed meeting.
- Commissioner Rohlfling reported on COVIA work session, Park Board, Shoreland workshop and MVAC meeting.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until April 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator Le Sueur County Chairman