

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 28, 2020**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King (remote), Dave Gliszinski (remote), Lance Wetzel (remote), Steve Rohlring, and Danny O’Keefe. Also present were Darrell Pettis and Brent Christian.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approved the July 21, 2020 County Board Minutes and Summary Minutes.
- Approved the July 21, 2020 Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority Minutes and Summary Minutes.
- Approved the Electronic Funds Transfer report:
 - 7/21/2020 Transferred \$800,000.00 from First State Bank of Le Center to Cornerstone State Bank of Le Sueur for Payroll.
 - 7/24/2020 Transferred \$15,000.00 from Hometown Bank – 2016A Bond (SULP) of Cleveland to First State Bank of Le Center for SULP payment.

Rhonda Allis and Greg Ous with MnDOT appeared before the Board to present the Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP).

Neil Pekrul with COVIA appeared before the Board with the 2019 Annual Report for the Kasota Plant.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the 2020 Performance Bond in the amount of \$4,128,917 for the Kasota Plant.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the 2019 Annual Report for the Kasota Plant.

Pat Simonette with COVIA appeared before the Board with the 2019 Annual Report for the Ottawa Plant.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the 2020 Performance Bond in the amount of \$3,090,008 for the Ottawa Plant.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the 2019 Annual Report for the Ottawa Plant.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved a donation from COVIA in the amount of \$7,500 for Ottawa area historical preservation projects.

Josh Mankowski, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to JAMES FOLDEN, KASOTA, MN, (APPLICANT/OWNER) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 3.33 cubic yards in the bluff; 25 cubic yards in the bluff impact zone; 28.33 cubic yards in the shore impact zone for a shoreline restoration rip rap project in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District and a Flood Fringe Floodplain Overlay District, Lake Washington a Recreational Development “RD” lake. Property is located at Lot 4, Block 1, La Hann Subdivision #2, Section 18, Kasota Township. The application is approved with the following conditions:

1. Plant a Minnesota deep-rooted native vegetation buffer that is 32 feet long by 2 feet wide.

The findings are on file at the Planning & Zoning Office.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to MARIGOLD COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN LLC, BLOOMINGTON, MN (APPLICANT); ROGER & DARLENE ADAMS AND MONICA KELLY, WATERVILLE, MN, (OWNER) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 25,655 cubic yards of material for the construction of a solar garden in an Agriculture “A” District. Property is located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 32, Waterville Township. The application is approved as written. A bond in the amount of \$25,000 is required. The findings are on file at the Planning & Zoning Office.

Cindy Shaughnessy, Public Health Director appeared before the Board to discuss Le Sueur County’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board with several items for approval.

The Board presented a retirement plaque to Tom Schindler, Engineering Technician in the Highway Department.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board accepted the resignation request from Hector Macias, full time Community Service Aide Interpreter in Human Services, effective July 31, 2020.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the posting and request the merit list for a full time Community Service Aid Interpreter in Human Services, as a Grade 4, Step 4 at \$19.03 per hour.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted regular status to Cheryl Fitterer, full time Eligibility Worker in Human Services, effective July 27, 2020.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the posting and advertisement for a full time Administrative Assistant II in the Probation Department, as a Grade 4, Step 4 at \$19.03 per hour.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved Mary Jo O’Malley’s request to renew the Phased Retirement Option (PRO) Agreement for one year, from March 4, 2020 to March 4, 2021.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 4 to 1 with Commissioner Wetzel voting nay, the Board adopted the revised Le Sueur County Preparedness Plan, effective July 28, 2020.

Mark Roemhildt, County Veteran Service Officer appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the grant application for the Veteran Services State Grant.

Darrell Pettis, County Administrator appeared before the Board with one item for consideration.

On motion by King, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board set the Public Hearing for the Parks Ordinance for Tuesday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on Joint Ditch meeting.
- Commissioner King reported on Broadband and Le Sueur City Council
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Joint Ditch meeting, SCEMS.
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on Joint Ditch meeting.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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