

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 24, 2021**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Dave Gliszinski, John King, Danny O’Keefe, Steve Rohlfling and Lance Wetzel. Also present were Joe Martin, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda:

- August 17, 2021 Board Minutes and Board Summary Minutes

Commissioner Rohlfling reported on the 2021 Le Sueur County Fair Recognition Program.

Recognition of 2021 Le Sueur County Century Farms:

Wagner Farms – Bradley Wagner – 150

David and Tina Tonn – 114 years

Murphy Farm – Jean Murphy – 158 years

Recognition of 2021 Le Sueur County Farm Family of the Year

Scott Wilson and Family – Brewery Hill Christmas Tree Farm

2021 Outstanding Senior Citizens

Sharon Traxler and Ernest Kotek

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

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by King, and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board granted an After-The-Fact Conditional Use Permit to TOM WETZELL, CLEVELAND, MN, (APPLICANT/Owner) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of more than 10 cubic yards in the Shore Impact Zone and more than 50 cubic yards on a lot in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District of Lake Jefferson, a Recreational Development “RD” lake. The property is described as Lots 20 & 21 Edgewater Terrace, located in Section 3, Cleveland Township. The application was approved as presented and 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 TODD & KARI POTTINGER, WATERVILLE, MN, (APPLICANT/OWNER) to allow the applicant to cut in the bluff for the construction of stairs in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District of Lake Tetonka, a Recreational Development “RD” Lake. The property is described as Lot 2 of the Hidden Hills CIC #24, located in Section 19, Waterville Township. The application was approved as presented and findings are on file at the Planning & Zoning office.

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

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to grant regular status to Sam Ehlers, full Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff’s Office, effective August 24, 2021.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to approve and sign the Telecommute/Remote Worker Agreement with the following employees:

| Employee | Department | Telework/Remote |
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| David Foley | Extension | Telecommute |
| Shane Bugeja | Extension | Telecommute |
| Alisha Lager | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Ann Sunderman | Human Services | Remote |
| Ashley Schultz | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Cari Krenik | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Cheryl Fitterer | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Edith Hartje | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Jeff Mack | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Jessica Schwartz | Human Services | Remote |
| Judy Yokiel | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Kandace Larson | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Karen Fraser | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Kari Davis | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Kari Peters | Human Services | Remote |
| Kari Sowija | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Kathy Van Otterloo | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Laura LaValle | Human Services | Remote |
| Leanne Gieseke | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Lindsay Oakland | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Lowell Freeman | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Maggie Nicolin | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Maria Frederick | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Melissa Dee | Human Services | Remote |
| Roxanne Billings | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Sally Weber | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Shawn O'Malley | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Susanna Medina | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Suzanne Milam | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Teri Hopkins | Human Services | Telecommute |
| Diane Hazlett | Probation | Telecommute |
| Cindy Jirak | Human Services | Telecommute |

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to accept the retirement request from Sue Rynda, Human Services Director, effective December 31, 2021.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to accept Gallagher's market study data results.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by King, the Board approved the recommendation to keep the SAFE Evaluation Program in place for the County's classification program.

Ann Traxler, Emergency Management came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the Grant Contract Agreement between MN Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and Le Sueur County for \$6,000.00 for 2022-2023 Radiological Emergency Preparedness.

Tyler Luethje, Parks Director came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the quote for \$7,000.00 from Always There Heat & Air, Inc. for the HVAC upgrade at Lake Washington Regional Park and Campground Community Building.

Holly Kalbus, Environmental Resources Specialist came before the Board with a couple items for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved the request to utilize County Gravel Tax funds for a shoreland restoration project for up to \$5,000 for Christine Rothhoff of Elysian.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the Stantec Consulting Services Professional Services Agreement with Le Sueur County to complete the Volney, Gorman, and Cordova Septic Inventory Project.

Joe Martin, County Administrator came before the Board with two items for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board approved the additional project fees for Bolton & Menk for the West Jefferson Sewer District 4 to 0 with Rohlfing abstaining from vote.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Ehlers proposal to provide consulting services to Le Sueur County with respect to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Local Fiscal Recovery (LFR) Funds.

Dani Blaschko, Auditor/Treasurer/Ditch Manager came before the Board with a few items.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Gliszinski, the Board unanimously approved the CD41 Contractor's Pay Application #1 for Payment to Selly Excavating, Inc. for \$115,195.95.

On motion by King, seconded by O'Keefe, the Board unanimously approved the CD61 Contractor's Pay Application #1 for Payment to Selly Excavating, Inc. for \$4,718.08.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the CD65 Ditch lien at 3.4%, 4% Interest, to be spread over 10 years beginning with taxes payable in 2022. The minimum assessment will be \$10 and any assessments that are \$250 or less will be payable in one installment.

There is one landowner on Le Sueur/Rice JD54 refusing to allow contractor on land for tree removal. Dani will be following up with John Kolb, our attorney.

Commissioner Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on Budget meeting, Department Head meeting
- Commissioner King reported on Budget meeting, Tri County Solid Waste, Department Head meeting

- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Budget meeting, MN Valley Coalition of Government, Kilkenny Township, Department Head meeting
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on Budget meeting, Century Farm Ceremony, Department Head meeting
- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on Budget meeting, Department Head meeting

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until September 7th at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator Le Sueur County Chairman