

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
October 25, 2022**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King, Danny O’Keefe, Steve Rohlfling and Lance Wetzel. Dave Gliszinski was absent. Also present were Joe Martin, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

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

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Rohlfling, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda:

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Aaron Stubbs, Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel , seconded by Rohlfling, and approved via roll call 4 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to allow NORTHERN NATURAL GAS, MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN, (APPLICANT) JOHN & JUDY SUNDERMAN, LE SUEUR, MN, (OWNER):  
to construct a compressor station to enable the export of natural gas to the transmission system (Town Border Station) for Northern Natural Gas and Minnesota Municipal Power Agency in an Agriculture “A” District, Mineral Resources “MR” Overlay District, Airport Zoning “AZ” Overlay District-Zone C. Property is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 6, Sharon Township.

Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board to recognize length of service anniversaries and three items for approval.

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 (3rd quarter 2022).

Colleen Kotek, 30 years, Highway Department  
Margaret Kline, 20 years, Human Services  
Dave Tiegs, 15 years, Highway Department  
Jay Sowieja, 15 years, Assessor’s Office  
Breanna Lloyd, 5 years, Human Services  
Theresa Kubes, 5 years, Human Resources

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Board of Appeals Policy.

On motion by Rohlfling, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the appointments and set the term dates, for the following individuals, to serve on the Personnel Board of Appeals:  
Teresa Hill, Waterville, December 31, 2023  
Lorri Kopischke, Elysian, December 31, 2024  
Brian Heck, Montgomery, December 31, 2025

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Rohlfling, tabled Julie Factor’s request for a personal leave of absence effective October 19 to November 7, 2022.

## **Staffing Updates –**

### **Hired:**

Jesse Doheny, full time Correctional Officer in the Sheriff's Office, Grade 6, Step A, \$22.24 per hour, effective November 7, 2022.

### **Resignation:**

Megan Petersen, full time Correctional Officer in the Sheriff's Office, effective October 31, 2022. Megan has been employed with Le Sueur County since December 2021.

Jim McMillen, Facilities Director and Dana Hlebichuk from Widseth came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Rohlfing, seconded by Wetzel, the Board unanimously approved the Government Center Updated Proposal from Widseth for Schematic Design for \$47,229.00.

Jim gave an update on the Switch Gear for the Generator at the Justice Center.

Nik Kadel, Ditch Specialist came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by Rohlfing, the Board unanimously approved the CD23 Culvert Repair Bid for Selly Excavating at \$30,204.00.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, the Board tabled the Le Sueur – Scott Counties JD1 Repair Bids.

Tammy Stewig, Emergency Management Director came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by Rohlfing, the Board unanimously approved the TZD Coordinator Contract with Anna Holicky from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Jamie Von Bank, Veterans Benefits Counselor came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King, the Board unanimously approved the Operation Green Light for Veterans Resolution.

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of LE SUEUR County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and  
WHEREAS, LE SUEUR County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of

stress during transition from military to civilian life; and  
WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and  
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and  
WHEREAS, the LE SUEUR County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, LE SUEUR County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further  
RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, LE SUEUR County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Joe Martin, County Administrator came before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel, with Rohlfiing abstaining, the Board approved the proposal with South Central Service Cooperative to conduct a search for our next Human Resources Director at a cost of \$11,150.00.

**Commissioner Committee Reports:**

- Commissioner King, Rohlfiing and Wetzel had no report.
- Commissioner Gliszinski was absent.
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on Department Head meeting.

On motion by Rohlfiing, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until November 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Le Sueur County Administrator      Le Sueur County Chairman**