

**Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
October 27, 2020**

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King (remote), Dave Gliszinski, Lance Wetzel, Steve Rohlfing, and Danny O’Keefe. Also present were Darrell Pettis, Brent Christian and Pam Herrmann.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe 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 O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approved the October 20, 2020 County Board Minutes and Summary Minutes.

Josh Mankowski, P&Z Administrator, appeared before the Board with two items.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to Kent Schwickert, Kasota, MN, (Applicant/Owner) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 7,346 cubic yards in the bluff, 1,350 cubic yards in the bluff impact zone for a total of 13,390 cubic yards to regrade for vineyard in an Agriculture “A” District and Mineral Resources “MR” Overlay District. Property is located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 34, Kasota Township. The application is approved as written.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to Harry Olson, Denver, IA, (Applicant/Owner) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 238 cubic yards in the shore impact zone for rip rap and fill in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District, Lake Tetonka a Recreational Development “RD” lake. Property is located in Government Lot 2, Section 28, Waterville Township. The application is approved as written.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to Lawrence & Barbara Pelant, Webster, MN (Applicant/Owner) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 178 cubic yards outside the shore impact zone for the construction of a walkout basement in a Recreational Residential “RR” Shoreland District, Greenleaf Lake a Recreational Development “RD” lake. Property is located in Government Lot 4, Section 30, Montgomery Township.

This application is approved with the following condition:

1. Install nonstructural best management practice(s) such as native/critical area plantings, vegetated buffer, tree/shrub establishment etc. to help slow down water and reduce runoff. A nonstructural practice is being recommended in order to prevent the application from being tabled. Any structural practice would require additional material movement; therefore, affecting the conditional use permit.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by King and approved via roll call 5 to 0, the Board granted a Conditional Use Permit to Val Anderson, Owatonna, MN (Applicant) and Robert & Valeria Anderson Trust (Owner) to allow grading, excavating, and filling of 355 cubic yards outside the shore impact zone, 304.5 within the shore impact zone, total of 659.5 cubic yards to regrade the lot and install retaining walls to accommodate a tuck-under garage and walkout basement in a Recreational Residential "RR" Shoreland District, Lake Frances a Recreational Development "RD" lake. Property is located at Lots 4 & 5, Warner's Subdivision, Section 33, Elysian Township.

This application is approved with the following condition:

1. Install nonstructural best management practices such as native/critical area plantings, vegetated buffer, tree/shrub establishment etc. to help slow down water and reduce runoff. These practices should be placed in areas that will provide the greatest benefit in reducing runoff and erosion.

Amy Beatty, Environmental Resource Specialist, appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Dem-Con Companies solid waste permit application.

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

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the purchase of 2021 Ford Explorer from Jeff Belzer's in the amount of \$32,422.00.

Sheriff Mason appeared before the Board with one item for approval.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Medical Examiner Contract Agreement with Dr. Kelly Mills, MD with River Valley Forensic Services.

Cindy Shaughnessy, Public Health Director appeared before the Board to discuss Le Sueur County's COVID-19 Update and Public Health 2019 Annual Report and Financial Summary.

Justin Lutterman, GIS Manager, appeared before the Board with two items for discussion.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the purchase of the license for Pictometry Connect through Eagleview for 1 year for \$1,500.00

Justin also gave an update on Lidar.

Barbara Droher Kline appeared before the Board with several items for discussion and approval. Barbara reported on the CARES Act budget, the Business Grant program, and the Non-Profit Grant program.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Independent Contract Agreement with Austyn Menk for \$20/hour plus mileage.

Cindy Westerhouse, HR Director, appeared before the Board with several items for approval. The Highway Department will present the retirement plaque to Gerald Tish, Highway Maintenance worker in the Highway Department, who is retiring effective October 30, 2020.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board accepted the retirement request for Robin Allen, Eligibility Worker in Human Services, effective January 29, 2021.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski, and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to post and request the merit list for a full time Eligibility Worker in Human Services, Grade 7, Step 4 at \$22.66 per hour.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to modify the Telecommute policy to allow employees to work from home with school age children whose schools are operating in a hybrid learning or distance learning models.

Darrell Pettis, County Administrator appeared before the Board with two items for consideration.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved the Final CD 56 Repair Contract.

Darrell also gave an update on the Ditch 43 repair project.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O’Keefe and approved via roll call vote 5 to 0, the Board approved signing the letter for the .gov domain name.

**Commissioner Committee Reports:**

- Commissioner Gliszinski reported on no meetings
- Commissioner King reported on Parks meeting
- Commissioner Wetzel reported on Virtual ECN meeting
- Commissioner O’Keefe reported on no meetings
- Commissioner Rohlfing reported on Park Board meeting

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned until November 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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