

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Greg Renneke and Glen Kack also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda 02-11-25-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 02-11-25-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the consent agenda items as follows: January 28, 2025 County Board meeting minutes; permanent status for employees; retirement of Dale Engstrom, Highway Maintenance Worker; replacement of Highway Maintenance Worker. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 02-11-25-03 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$78,806.55 Ditch Fund, \$80,568.58 Revenue Fund, \$13,684.16 Road & Bridge Fund, \$24,099.55 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Berends reported on Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, Safety Committee, Prairie Lakes and PrimeWest Health. Commissioner Kack reported on Fair Board, Area II/RCRCA and County Fair Committee. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kling reported on U of M Extension. Commissioner Antony reported on PrimeWest Health, One Watershed One Plan and County Fair Committee.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

SafeAssure Contract Renewal 02-11-25-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to renew the SafeAssure Contract for 2025 in the amount of \$12,489.36. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

EMPG Grant 02-11-25-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$17,066. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Copier Replacement 02-11-25-06 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the copier replacements for Family Services and Finance & Admin/PPSD from Marco. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Exempt Gambling Permit 02-11-25-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #10-2025 which approves Off-Site Gambling for Ride 2 Remember. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PrimeWest Resolution #7-2025 02-11-25-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #7-2025 which adopts PrimeWest funds to Highway CIP Expenditures. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

RJ Donation Resolution #8-2025 02-11-25-09 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #8-2025 which accepts gifts and grants for the Yellow Medicine County Restorative Justice Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Rick Wandersee, Maintenance Department, gave an update.

Pastor Don McKee, Heritage Haven, presented to the board.

Dan Moravetz, Tony Sather and Andy Lee, Highway Department, gave an update.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-645-25, Luke and Melissa Stevens, Hazel Run, MN 02-11-25-10 Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to construct a hog finishing barn to house 3,300 head of swine (990 animal units). The site is located on Parcel 02-009-3010 which is in the southeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter (SE¼ SW¼) of Section 9 in Echo Township T-113-N R-38-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance Section VI, Subdivision 2.0 requires feedlots over 500 animal units to obtain a Conditional Use permit. Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-645-25 for Luke and Melissa Stevens with the following conditions:

1. Any drainage tile intakes or lines damaged during construction shall be repaired at the expense of the applicant.
2. Pit additives shall be used to control odor.
3. Two rows of trees/shrubs, one being fast growing, shall be planted and maintained on the north side of the barn. One row of fast-growing trees/shrubs shall be planted and maintained on the east side of the barn.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-647-25, Allied Dairy, Cottonwood, MN 02-11-25-11 Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to expand their existing feedlot to house a maximum of 3,000 animal units. The site is located on Parcel 15-032-1011, which is in the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter (W½ NE¼) of Section 32 in Sandnes Township, T-114-N R-40-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VII, Subdivision 10.0, A, requires a Conditional Use permit for the expansion of a feedlot over 500 animal units. Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-647-25 for Allied Dairy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #9-2025 Non-Conforming SSTS Abatement Project 02-11-25-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #9-2025 and the SSTS/LSTS-only Proposal Workplan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:25 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

County Administrator Steinbach, Finance & Administration Department, gave an update.

Other Business None

Informational Paid vendor reports July to December 2024

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Chair Berends adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Witness:

John Berends, Chair

Attest:

Angie Steinbach, County Administrator