

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Engineer/Coordinator Mark Daly, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Deputy Tom Elmer, Planning & Zoning Administrator Sara Hauskins, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, and members of the public M. Steele, and K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County staff L. Mehrhof, S. Robbins, B. Rauenhorst, A. Huber, P. Krill, C. Lewis, A. Thompson, T. Hanevik, M. Sonnek, and member of the public R. Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the August 15, 2023 regular and drainage meetings.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of September 5, 2023, moving agenda item 14 to item 2.5.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt the Meeting Protocol and Rules of Decorum as amended.

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The calendar was updated.

B. Bruegger spoke regarding windbreak requirements for hog sites during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on drainage informational meetings for CD26 and CD45, and State Community Health Committee. Roper reported on drainage informational meetings for CD26 and CD45.

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Alissa Oeltjenbruns with the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation presented an update.

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Andy Geiger of Prairieland Solid Waste Management met regarding office business.

The 2024 Faribault County solid waste budget was discussed.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the Solid Waste Collection and Transportation License for Roll-Pro, LLC for the remainder of 2023.

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Central Services Director Pam Krill met regarding office business.

The 2024 central services budget was discussed.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend for Tyler Stallman.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Broden Thompson as a full-time dispatch/jailer.

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Brenda Baldwin met to discuss the petition that was submitted regarding the appointed office of the auditor/treasurer. Comments were also received from Diana Skogen and Bonnie Anderson.

Loveall motion to rescind the previous action taken to move the office from elected to appointed died for lack of a second.

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Brandee Douglas and Nathan Carr met regarding the Le Sueur River One Watershed One Plan.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-76 to adopt and implement the Le Sueur River Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**to Adopt and Implement**  
**the Le Sueur River Watershed**  
**Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

**Whereas**, Faribault County (county) has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Le Sueur River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14:

**Now; Therefore, Be it Resolved**, the county hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** after the adoption of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan or amendments to the plan, the county shall notify local units of government within the Le Sueur River Watershed. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

**Be it Further Resolved** that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The county shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

**Be it Further Resolved** after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the Le Sueur River Watershed Collaboration Joint Powers Agreement.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the Policy Advisory Committee Bylaws of the Le Sueur River Watershed Collaboration Joint Powers Agreement.

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Mark Daly met regarding Public Works business. Construction updates were given.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-RB06-75 accepting the 2022 Bridge Project as complete and authorizing payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, SAP 022-599-124, etal, 2022 Bridge Project has in all things been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the final contract amount is \$1,888,169.50 which is \$245,122.50 (15%) more than the original contract bid of \$1,643,047.00; and

**WHEREAS**, to date \$1,830,275.00 has been paid to the contractor leaving the balance of \$57,894.50; and

**WHEREAS**, the work has been performed satisfactorily and all necessary forms have been completed and received by the Highway Department;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Faribault, Minnesota, that we do hereby accept said completed project and authorize final payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept a Certificate of Substantial Completion from Century Construction and Associated Mechanical for the courthouse HVAC project.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to set a tax abatement hearing at 9:45am on October 3, 2023, for parcel 30.591.0220 in the City of Wells.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint Joel Sonnek to the EDA board for a term ending 12/31/2027.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the County Coordinator as a temporary signer for any documents which require the signature of the County Auditor or Treasurer until an Auditor/Treasurer is hired.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTs loan in the amount of \$8,124.28 and SSTs grants in the amount of \$4,062.14 to Milden and Marlene Arndt for parcel 10.008.1500 in Emerald Township.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from J. Schmidtke to attend the Mn Assoc of County Veterans Service Officers Annual Fall Training in Nisswa.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from B. Bonin to attend a Basic Law Enforcement Sniper training course in Tekamah, NE.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 531,167.87 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 184,301.30
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	106,142.78
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	233,518.58
DITCH FUND	6,197.95
NON REV/ DISB A FUND	1,007.26
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	\$ 531,167.87

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The meeting was recessed to September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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Bruce Anderson, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board