



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Dakota County Fairgrounds
Entertainment Tent
4008 220th Street West, Farmington,
MN

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Also in attendance were Matt Smith, County Manager; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Present: Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Laurie Halverson
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Kathleen A. Gaylord who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda

3.1 Resolution No: 22-323
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

4. Audience

Chair Gaylord noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us

One person came forward to address the Board:

Jared Sachs, Farmington (County Roads)

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

5.1 Resolution No: 22-324
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on July 19, 2022

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

6. Physical Development

6.1 Resolution No: 22-325
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission examines plats prior to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the final plats by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the final plat approval by the County Board is subject to the conditions established by the Plat Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the following plats below require approval by their respective City Council prior to the recording of the plats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following final plats:

BROOKSHIRE	Lakeville
AUTHENTIX LAKEVILLE	Lakeville
ECHELON AT AMBER FIELDS	Rosemount
AMBER FIELDS THIRD ADDITION	Rosemount

Ayes: 7

6.2 Resolution No: 22-326
Authorization To Submit Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Application For Well Seal Grants And Authorization To Execute Grant Agreements

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the State Clean Water Fund (CWF) through the Minnesota Board of Water Resources (BWSR) was established for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and restoring water quality in lakes, river, and streams in addition to protecting groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is eligible to receive a CWF grant because of the approved and adopted 2020-2030 Dakota County Groundwater Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to apply for the CWF grant to help support the existing Dakota County Well Seal Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to support program management and administration costs and provide 50 percent cost-share funding to reimburse property owners for sealing unused wells; and

WHEREAS, unsealed water supply wells not in use pose a threat to health, safety and the environment by providing a potential conduit for contamination from the surface down to drinking water aquifers; and

WHEREAS, this grant request supports the Dakota County Groundwater Plan strategy 1C2 to “prevent groundwater contamination by getting unused, unsealed wells sealed”; and

WHEREAS, the required 25 percent non-state grant match will be offset by the landowner 50 percent cost-share match; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is August 22, 2022, and the grant expiration date is December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to submit a CWF grant application to BWSR to support the Well Seal Grant Program for an amount up to \$110,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if the grant is awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Department Director to execute a CWF grant agreement with BWSR, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form, and to amend the 2023 Environmental Resources Department Operations budget.

Ayes: 7

6.3 Resolution No: 22-327
Authorization To Execute Contract With Landbridge Ecological For Whitetail Woods Regional Park Vegetation Management

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution (May 9, 2017), the County Board adopted the Dakota County Natural Resource Management System Plan (NRMSPP); and

WHEREAS, the NRMSP identifies the need to maintain restored areas perpetually to protect the initial investment made to restore the area; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2022, the County issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the Whitetail Woods Vegetation Management project; and

WHEREAS, Landbridge Ecological submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote for base and alternative tasks; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the initial contract term would expire December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the contract could be extended by one term through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the total contract amount would be set up as not to exceed \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available within the 2022 Adopted Parks Natural Resources Base Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing the contract with Landbridge Ecological.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Landbridge Ecological for the Whitetail Woods Vegetation Management project to manage restored areas of Whitetail Woods Regional Park through December 31, 2023, with the option to extend the contract through December 31, 2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$175,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.4 Resolution No: 22-328
Authorization To Increase Project Budget For Mendota Youth Shelter Renovations And Amend 2022 Buildings Capital Improvement Program and Non-Departmental Budgets

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-105 (March 8, 2022), the County Board approved the purchase of a facility in Mendota Heights, now known as Aspen House, that will operate as temporary emergency housing for youth in crisis; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-125 (March 22, 2022), the County Board approved a construction budget of \$1.3 million for the project; and

WHEREAS, because of the critical nature of the expedited construction

schedule, that resolution authorized Capital Projects Management to issue contracts up to this budget amount without returning to the Board; and

WHEREAS, during design, a complete commercial kitchen was found to be a requirement for state licensing of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the direct cost of the kitchen is \$375,000, of which only \$200,000 was included in the original project scope; and

WHEREAS, this creates a \$175,000 project budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, adequate ARP funds are available for the additional work needed at the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the increase of the project budget for the Mendota Youth Shelter Renovation project by \$175,000, bringing the total budget for the project to \$2,325,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022 Buildings Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Mendota Youth Shelter (B40001)	<u>\$175,000</u>
Total Expense	\$175,000

Revenue

Dakota County ARP Funding	<u>\$175,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$175,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022 Non-Departmental Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

ARP Program Expense	<u>(\$175,000)</u>
Total Expense	(\$175,000)

Revenue

Dakota County ARP Funding	<u>(\$175,000)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$175,000)

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Public Services and Revenue

7.1 Resolution No: 22-329
Dakota County Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee Update And Proclamation
Of Public Art Appreciation Month In Dakota County

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Mary Liz Holberg

Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director Teresa Mitchell briefed this item along with Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee members Cheryl O'Donnell and Bob Erickson.

WHEREAS, Dakota County has demonstrated a commitment to the arts and humanities in our communities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 06-138 (April 4, 2006), the County Board established the Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee is to represent the citizens of Dakota County in enhancing Dakota County buildings and recommend art selections, performances, art activities, preservation of and access to art in Dakota County to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of our families, our communities, and our County; and

WHEREAS, the intent is to encourage citizens to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to initiate lifelong habits of regular participation in the arts and humanities in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Fair is held in August; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Government Building theme is "Art All Around Us" at the Dakota County Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee recommends the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaim August 2022 as Public Art Appreciation Month in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August 2022 as Public Art Appreciation Month in Dakota County, and calls upon the citizens of Dakota County to celebrate and promote the arts in Dakota County and to encourage the greater participation by the citizens of Dakota County in taking action for the arts and humanities in our community.

Ayes: 7

8. County Board/County Administration**8.1 Introduction Of Dakota County Natural Resources Extension Educator**

Parks Director Niki Geisler introduced Sam Talbot. Sam gave a brief overview of his background and current position. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

8.2 Recognition Of University Of Minnesota Extension Services 2022 Farm Family Of The Year

University of Minnesota Regional Director Tammy McCulloch and Extension Crops Educator David Nicolai introduced the McGovern Wills family. The McGovern Wills family are the 2022 Farm Family of the Year. Aaron Wills and Molly McGovern Wills run Little Berry Farm. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

8.3 Recognition Of Minnesota Farm Bureau 2022 Century Farm

Jessie Bester on behalf of Minnesota Farm Bureau recognized the following three Dakota County farms:

- Rotty Farms is recognized as a 2022 Century Farm (in operation for 100 years).
- Terry Family Farm is recognized as a 2022 Sesquicentennial Farm (in operation for 150 years).
- Childs Family Farm is recognized as a 2022 Sesquicentennial Farm (in operation for 150 years).

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

8.4 Dakota County 4-H Updates And Highlights

4-H Youth Development Extension Educators Rachel Rezac and Abby Wagner introduced the 4-H youth. The following youth presented projects:

- Katie Radman
- Ellen Radman
- William Sachs
- Gerald Sachs
- Clara Sachs

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

13.1 Resolution No: 22-330
Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Chair

ATTEST

Matt Smith
County Manager