

Minutes of Moe Township
Board of Supervisors
April 4, 2011
(audio recording available)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Bruce Strandskov. Dan Botner filled in for Pat Botner, and newly elected, Lynn Bushard replaced Hardy Huettl, who decided to retire from the Board. The POA was given.

At this time, the Chair called for introductions. The agenda was modified to include Holmes City contract under old business. A motion was made to accept the agenda as modified. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

The minutes of the prior meeting was considered as mailed out by the Clerk. A motion was made to accept the minutes as sent. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

Dan Botner gave the Treasurer's report in Pat's absence. Bank statements are forthcoming to the Chair. A motion was made to accept the report as given. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

The monthly claims were read by the Clerk. A motion was made to pay the monthly claims. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

At this time, the Board re-organized for the year 2011. The following positions and fees were adopted by motion:

Chair	Bruce Strandskov
Vice-Chair	Rod Johnson
Mtg. fee	\$75.00 per required meeting
Labor rate	\$15.00 per hour
Clerk	\$1100.00 per month with meeting fee of \$75.00
Treasurer	\$100 per month, \$75/ meeting, \$15/ hr labor
Ron Saathoff	\$24.00 per hour with mileage and life insurance
Secondary helper	\$19.00 per hour with mileage
Elect. Admin.	\$15/hour
Elect. Judge	\$11/hour with \$15/hour for Head Judges
Spl. Assess.	\$25 per search
Bounties	\$25/beaver,

A motion was made to delete gopher bounty as we don't see many interested in trapping anymore. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

A motion was made to adopt the above proposals for re-organization. (m- Johnsons- Bushard, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of Sign Policy submitted by Hardy Huettl

Bushard passed out information and went over the results of the sign inventory which was recently completed by Anderson Passe & Associates. Discussion followed with input from Hardy Huettl who was very involved in this process while on the Board. Huettl added that an inventory map will be available towards the end of the month. He assured the Board he would pass on any information he receives or learns. At this time, the Moe Township Traffic Signage Policy as Resolution 2011-2 was submitted by Hardy Huettl. He assured the Board that Pemberton Law Firm had given their approval on this document. A motion was made to adopt this resolution. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) The Board thanked Huettl for all his help.

Tall Timbers Road update concerning Heart Lake

Johnson began with an update of the dike along Tall Timbers road had been completed and that Mr. Arlynn Johnson was not happy because he had told the Board before that this would only cause flooding to his land. The Board recognizes this but their first obligation is to protect the road. He also reported that the dike is 2 feet high. Also, road restrictions are now on and will probably run through the middle of May. Okerlund was unhappy with the Board hiring Backhoe Bob to haul gravel. Johnson assured him that our contract for gravel was for 2010. The Clerk reported that letters had been sent out alerting people along Tall Timbers Road concerning the situation and that some temporary restrictions may have to be enforced for a short time.

Holmes City First Responders contract

Strandskov brought the Board up to date on the proposed contract and the history of the First Responders. The people in the audience gave kudos to the Responders as they have had personal experiences. The Clerk reminded the Board that the voters at the Annual meeting in March, voted to urge the Board to enter into a contract with them. A copy of the revised contract was submitted to all Board members. The revision was made at the last hour by Holmes City First Responders. Strandskov had gotten a clarification on the terms "hold harmless and indemnify" and feels the Township is immune from legal action. The Clerk added that he had heard that LaGrand Township, who contemplated the same contract, decided not to sign because of opinions from their attorneys. The question arose whether or not we needed to ask for an attorney's opinion. The consensus of the Board is that this is a contract for services. A motion was made to sign the contract. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) Note: The Clerk had contacted the insurance company and when the audit is done in December, they would accept the Certificate of Insurance and WC. Also the Clerk will send a

cover letter informing the First Responders that we will pay their fee sometime this soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and action on gravel quotes

Strandskov reported on what he heard during the winter short course and would like to adjust our minimum specifications for class V. Strandskov will request gravel quotes so they can make a decision by the May meeting. It was suggested that one of the Supervisors visit with Scott Greene of the County if any questions are unanswered concerning class V specs. The Clerk reminded the Board that we are asking for “quotes” and not “bids”. Much discussion followed concerning past graveling and grading.

Discussion and possible action on Dust Control material

The options for vendors are limited and it seems that most prices are competitive. Much discussion followed concerning applications and whether we should sprinkle before and after applications. Johnson agreed to obtain quotes for chloride but the consensus is that Fergus Power pump has been good to work with and they deliver what we can handle at the time of delivery. Consensus was also to lock in for 11,000 gallons which is up from the previous years. Johnson was given the authority to go ahead and order if he feels he reached the best all around deal.

Spring Road Tour

It was decided to have the spring road tour on April 27, 2011 beginning at 12:00 noon from the Township shed. Strandskov would like to see the roads reshaped this spring. Keith McCoy added that the carbide teeth should be removed for summer grading. Strandskov suggested that Lynn Bushard take over the duties that Huettl had. This pertains to work direction of Saathoff and any helpers we hire. Bushard agreed. There was also discussion concerning residents doing their own dust control. Consensus of the Board was not to allow this because of liability issues as well as concern for road conditions.

Correspondence & Announcements

The Clerk read the usual monthly correspondence. One proposal for spraying of insects as last year. Godfathers will do it for \$85. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact them and authorize for 2011.

Next meeting, date, time and place

The next possible date agreeable for all is Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the hall. All agreed.

Public Input

Mr. & Mrs. Arlynn Johnson passed out a packet of information to all the Board members. This included a cover letter which contained many paragraphs addressing different issues with the high water level of Heart Lake. Please find a copy on file at the office of the Clerk. Highlights of said letter are as follows:

- the law firm of Rinke Noonan has been contacted
- the Douglas County Sheriff has been called out
- the Douglas County Attorney has been contacted
- Jerry Haggenmiller has been consulted
- a reminder that the Board received a letter on Dec. 1, 2010 which protested adding gravel to Tall Timbers Rd. to prevent water from washing out road.

Much heated discussion took place. Strandskov ask for clarification to all the above. Johnsons replied by urging the Board to contact all these people. The Board assured the Johnsons that they are aware of their problem and tried to explain that the Board's hands are tied because Haggenmiller told the Board in 2003 that there are certain requirements that have to be observed before any management of the water level of Heart Lake could take place. One of these requirements is that all affected land owners must sign a permission document to divert water to Lobster Lake. Also, the Lobster Lake Assn. has gone on record protesting any water from Heart Lake until it is properly filtered as the phosphorus level is unacceptable. Bonnie Huettl reminded the Board that the statues do not allow one persons problem to become another persons problem. i.e. flooding another person's property to relieve the high water problem of another. There were comments from Keith McCoy concerning his high water level and the history of dealing with the DNR. He believes a new agency has been set up to work out these kinds of problems.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

9:20 pm

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk
Moe Township

Chairperson