

Minutes of  
Board of Supervisors meeting  
June 6, 2011  
(audio recording available)

The meeting was called to order with all members in attendance. The POA was given. The agenda was presented with no corrections or additions. A motion was made to accept the agenda as proposed. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) (copies available)

The minutes were accepted as E-mailed to board members with the exception of a typo. A motion was made to approve as corrected. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) (copies available)

The Treasurer's report was given by Pat Botner. A motion was made to accept the report as given. There was discussion concerning the upcoming payment to the CLRSD debt account. This will be made in July. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) (copies available)

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### MR Signs

Bushard reported he had talked with the company and their lead time is about 2 ½ weeks to a maximum of 4 weeks. We need to order in time for our tentative September 15<sup>th</sup> startup date. Bushard will check on price list.

##### Claims approval

The Clerk read the claims for the month. A motion was made to approve these and ordered them paid. Claim 11245 was added for Budget Building Center for \$8.98. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

##### Holmes City First Responder Contract

The Clerk has received the signed contract and it is on file.

##### Gravel Update

Bushard reported that the majority of the gravel has been completed.

##### Dust Control Update

The Clerk reported that he has received 46 requests so far. This is up from last year. He explained some of the notes that were received also. He asks for time to compile list before Ronnie is ready to start application.

##### Tractor updates

Bushard reported on his findings of tractor prices. Used tractors the prices run from \$13K to \$19K. These vary on condition and options. Also discussed was the condition of our mower which isn't good. It was asked if we should lease until we can decide what to do. Strandkov has leased for \$150/day. He also states that he doesn't want to contract if possible. He will check on lease. A lot of discussion followed on the fate of our tractor. More information is needed. It was decided to mow the last week in June after chloride is complete. Bushard agreed to look at mower before the next meeting.

#### Tall Timbers Road Update

Johnson reported he had met with some of the residents along Tall Timbers. Wolfs have had their septic system tested and worry about the high water. Lau's property is under water. Theilke does not want any part of running a tile through his property. Water is up past swing set on Johnson's property. Dike is holding. Also, he reports that there is no sock available to filter phosphorus; you need a lot of land to filter naturally. He suggests another sample should be taken to find out what the summer ph levels are. Discussion turned to the condition of the road. One option is to add boulders to side of road and build it up. This could be very costly and would the DNR allow us to do this. Arlynn Johnson voiced his opinion and greatly protests the Township building a dike which has caused the water to rise which is nearer his house. The Board asked him for suggestions. The Board explained that our hands are tied and have always been tied as there isn't any resident willing to work with us. Strandskov reminded all that this year we are dealing with record levels of high water. Arlynn Johnson reported that REA has cut through the tile, but they will repair it. The Chair thanked him for his input.

#### Mosquito Lane Repair

This is a new frost boil which has heaved the blacktop.

Strandskov had viewed the site and the consensus of the Board is to do a repair as before. Johnson agreed to contact Backhoe Bob.

#### Elk Lake Problems

Bushard reported on the high water now over the road on East Moe Road through Elk Lake. A motion was made to close the road, barricade it and notify the County. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Since nobody is without access, the consensus of the Board is to close the road until such time the water recedes or more information can be obtained. The road should be evaluated on a weekly basis. Board agrees to obtain barricades if needed.

#### Shed & Hall Cleaning

Bushard reported that the pressure washing of the shed and hall has been completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Road Conditions

Bushard reported on a new culvert has been replaced on Eternity Point and also another in that area is too short and needs extending. This is the intersection of Eternity Point Rd and Tall Timbers Rd. Clerk reminded the Board that Hilltop Lumber is the only source for culverts now. A motion was made to extend this culvert. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) Bushard agreed to get a quote for repair and if under \$1500, the Board gives permission to go ahead. This would include a short section of culvert, a band and an apron. It was reported that Ronnie had sprayed leafy spurge and would like to grade past Bushard's on Thursday instead of Fridays because of all the traffic. Discussion turned to condition of Moe Hall Road past Bushard's. There are 6 frost boils and are getting better but not very fast.

#### Chloride Application

Bushard reported that Ronnie had made the comment that if he is expected to apply water first, he is not set up for that. Discussion followed about who owns what equipment. Huettl added that the equipment on the truck and three tanks belong to the township. Most of the equipment on his residence belongs to Ronnie. Ronnie needs a

pump. Discussion followed as to why we need a pump. It was the consensus of the Board to check into this and purchase a pump if needed. Bushard reports that the tank on the truck is 800 gallons. Since requests are up, it was decided to call Fergus Power Pump and see if we can reserve another 2500 gallons of chloride. The Board would like to see application of chloride to start on this Wednesday. Johnson asks when we stop this service of dust control. Consensus of the Board is to shut it down when the chloride is gone. The Clerk explained that some of the requests have special instructions. The Board agrees to honor Andert's request, but will do 100 ft on either side of driveway. The Clerk agreed to supply Ronnie with complete list by noon tomorrow.

#### Tires for Truck

It was reported that the truck tires on the new truck are not good for winter traction. The consensus of the Board is to hold off until fall and Bushard agreed to get pricing on new tires. No recaps!

*Note: Agenda item added as follows:*

#### Elk Lake Proposal

Bushard reported that he had talked to WSN about lowering Elk Lake. Their cost for engineering would be about \$6000. Complete proposal on file. Note: this proposal does not include easements or public hearings. Arlynn Johnson added that the DNR has established that any body of water of 10 acres or more which has natural waterway drainage is protected. Bushard added that he understands LaGrand might be interested in this proposed project, but hasn't talked to them yet. Strandskov asked about the total construction cost, which is unknown at this time. Strandskov strongly suggests we get some numbers back from WSN on the cost of construction. Jerry Morical urges the Board to stay on top of this so something can be done as soon as possible. There was some discussion as to the cost of easements also. The DNR said that this is a meandered body of water that is land locked. Consensus of the Board is to obtain more information.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Next meeting date, time and place

Consensus of the Board is to hold the next meeting July 6, 2011 at the hall at 7:00 pm because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

#### Correspondence & Announcements

The Clerk read the monthly correspondence which included the regular newsletters and building permits.

#### Public Input

Keith McCoy would like more gravel on the end of his road because everyone turns around there and it's a mess. Board agrees.

Jerry Ellis would like more crushed rock in the gravel by his residence. Okerlund agreed to add rock by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Strandskov reported that he had visited with Robley and it was pointed out that the gravel we get here in Douglas County contains a lot of silt and if better quality is required, we will have to go outside the County which will cost more.

Next, Jim Barrett addressed the Board concerning a possible grant from the MPCA to help inspect individual septic systems for a part of residents on Lobster Lake. He submitted a proposed resolution which is required by the MPCA. This would only put us on the Project Priority List of the MPCA. He explained that this in no way commits the Board. All costs would come out of the \$40,000 grant if awarded. Opposition was expressed by Arlene and Lynn Bushard and Rod Johnson. After much discussion, Strandskov called for any motion. No action was taken. Johnson would like to see a major number of signers come forward who are interested in having their systems tested. Tim Bayerel explained that Moe is already on a PPL for the whole lake, but that would not qualify for this particular grant proposed by Jim Barrett. Again, until a major number of citizens come forward who want their systems inspected, the Board decided to take no action. Stone added that lets at least get on the list to see if we even are eligible for a grant. Bayerel adds that this resolution would only cover the application to get on the list. Arlynn Johnson commented concerning the sewer tax on his parcels and asks the Board why more updated information isn't available to the public. It was explained that the Lobster Lake website has past minutes. He adds it is out of date. The Clerk addressed this.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m-Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk