

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
June 27, 2023 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present; Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present: General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, none were added.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve the agenda without additions. Motion Passed.

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting without changes. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 Appeals and Equalization meeting without changes. Motion Passed.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UPDATE

Jay Trusty from the Southwest Regional Development Commission presented an update on staffing, membership, core programs, such as transportation, economic development, planning, communication and financial administration. Jay also discussed the revolving loan funds, start-ups, expansions, working capital, and energy efficiency and recent projects.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, to approve the report of bills for payment of the Murray County Drainage Authority as follows:

Ankrum Excavating

21-671-6290	CD 22	597.50	#2020-028	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/16/2023
21-757-6290	CD 65	387.50	#2023-007	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/16/2023
	Subtotal	985.00		

BCL Televising

21-811-6290	JD 7	579.80	#2022-036	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/16/2023
21-811-6290	JD 7	3,342.23	#2023-012	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/16/2023
21-763-6290	CD 68	485.00	#2023-024	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/16/2023
	Subtotal	4,407.03		

Total Ditch Bills **5,392.03**

DITCH INSPECTION REPAIR UPDATES

Ditch Inspector Travis Radke provided an updated on CD11, CD 43, CD67 and CD68.

EDGEWATER BAY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission June 15,2023 for this conditional use permit application.

Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation on the following Conditional Use Permit Application:

Edgewater Bay Campground
NE1/4, Section 2, Mason Township, Murray County
CUP #1410

To expand an existing campground by 110 new campsites and reactivate 28 inactive sites for a total of 310 campsites in the Agriculture and Shoreland Overlay Districts

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Thiner, to approve Conditional Use Permit #1410 for Edgewater Bay Campground to expand an existing campground by 110 new campsites and reactivate 28 inactive sites for a total of 310 campsites in the Agriculture and Shoreland Overlay Districts in the NE1/4, Section 2, Mason Township, Murray County with the findings and three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

LAKE SARAH DAM DISCUSSION

The PALS club from Lake Sarah have some concerns with the rock arch rapids that are going to be installed at the outlet of Lake Sarah. They would like to express their concerns to those involved with the project. Members of the Pals Club Present were Tom Hye 38 Benjamin Road, Dennis Bertrand 4 Northshore Drive, Duane Gergan 76 Northshore Drive.

The following topics are their concerns:

1. How can we keep invasive fish out of Lake Sarah if the metal grates are removed with the old dam.
2. Who is responsible for maintaining the rock arch rapids once the project is completed.
3. Will the rock arch rapids maintain the current lake levels.

Paul LeClaire from Houston Engineering was able to provide some insight on the design of the dam and the maintenance aspect of the dam. Paul explained that they are planning to keep the bottom of the dam and build up on that with more rounded edges to prevent the build up of debris.

Ryan Doorenbos from the DNR Fisheries was able to provide insight on the invasive species of fish coming into the lake, which is going to be impossible due to high water events. Ryan explained that with the spring frost this year and the high water levels the fish were getting caught in the metal grates that are currently in place. Ryan explained that there is a grant in place for fish passage and if the dam were to block the free flow of the fish it would negate the grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 11 – JUNE 24, 2023

Malone:

- 6/12 SAWS
- 6/20 Commissioner Meeting, BOAE (No Per Diem)
- 6/22 Ditch Meeting in Nobles County

Gunnink:

- 6/12 SAWS
- 6/14 Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force
- 6/15 Fairgrounds Advisory
- 6/20 Commissioner Meeting, BOAE (No Per Diem)
- 6/21 Plum Creek Library

Meier:

- 6/20 Commissioner Meeting, BOAE (No Per Diem)
- 6/21 SWHHS, Fair board Meeting
- 6/22 EDA, ACE

Welgraven:

- 6/15 SRDC
- 6/20 Commissioner Meeting, Personnel Meeting

Thiner:

- 6/14 Heron Lake Watershed
- 6/15 Planning & Zoning
- 6/19 CEOB Pic
- 6/20 Commissioner Meeting, BOAE (No Per Diem)
- 6/21 Construction Meeting Highway Building

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair