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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting  
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson and Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste were also present. Chairman Nath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of May 23, 2017 Commissioner Meeting
2. Cancel July 4, 2017 Commissioner Meeting Due to Holiday

Motion carried unanimously.

**REBECCA PEICHEL – NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS – SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Rebecca Peichel of Novel Energy Solutions presented for discussion a Solar Power Purchase Agreement in which Pipestone County would agree to have solar panels installed on their property and receive energy billing credits. There were six locations within Pipestone County in which applications were submitted: The Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center, Household Hazardous Waste Building, Family Services, Fairgrounds, Highway Shop and EMS/Transit. Currently two locations are approved with the rest on a waitlist. Peichel answered questions from Commissioners on the purchase agreement. Consensus of the board to send the Solar Power Purchase Agreement to County Attorney Damain Sandy for review, and bring back for discussion at a later date.

County Administrator Sharon Hanson left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE**

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on project updates, projects under contract, and projects in the planning stage.

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Engineer Halbersma stated that MNDOT has reviewed and approved the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals for projects SP 059-602-025 and SP 059-616-032. Halbersma stated that there was one correction to the bid from Hardrives, Inc. which was originally stated as \$3,510,024.62 and should have been \$3,510,022.62 and the bid from Quam Construction Co. was rejected because it was missing some of the Schedule of Bid prices. Engineer Halbersma recommended awarding the project to low bidder Duininck, Inc. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to award bid for projects SP 059-602-025 and SP 059-616-032 to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$3,233,434.59. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to move forward with the State Aid Office reviewing potential roadways to become State Aid roads.

### **WHEELAGE TAX DISCUSSION**

Engineer Halbersma gave a presentation on the wheelage tax and an overview of which counties currently have the tax in place.

### **FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – VELDKAMP FARMS, INC. – 10:00AM**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and Jim Veldkamp joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: construction of a new feedlot located in the SE Quarter of Section 24 in Eden Township, (T-105-N and R-47-W) Pipestone County. The new feedlot will consist of a total confinement barn with an under barn concrete manure storage pit. The barn will house 2,400 swine finishers for a total of 720 animal units.

### **WHEELAGE TAX DISCUSSION CONTINUED**

Board consensus to table the decision to implement a wheelage tax to the June 27, 2017 Commissioners Meeting.

### **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Halbersma reported that the new fuel tank system has been installed at the Highway Department.

Employees finished installing Right of Way markers in the country where landowners were close to encroaching the right of way border. Halbersma asked for board input on what to do if a farmer runs over the Right of Way steel posts or plants their crop over the border. General consensus of the board to have Engineer Halbersma work on a solution which may

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include mowing down crops planted in the right of way or charging the landowner for installation of new posts.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve hiring a registered land surveyor for approximately \$5,000 to establish missing section corners in order to precisely establish right of way boundaries at 6 locations in the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma reported that they have been working on restoring the old landfill and gravel pit and the alfalfa that was planted has been established. He would like to advertise to rent out four acres of land for the rest of the year. Board consensus to approve the advertisement to rent four acres of land for the remainder of 2017.

Engineer Halbersma, in response to citizen concerns on dust control, asked the board if they would be interested in participating in a reimbursement program for dust control in which the County would reimburse landowners for some of the cost of treating their roads. Consensus of the board to have Halbersma work with the Road and Bridge Committee to develop a reimbursement policy for dust control.

Chairman Nath postponed Committee Reports to the June 13, 2017 Commissioner Meeting.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced the resignation of Sandi Nordmeyer as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective May 22, 2017. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Sandi Nordmeyer's resignation effective May 22, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:54a.m.

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Les Nath  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Cathy Feste  
Human Resources Coordinator

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