

SLT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 9th, 2024

Meeting conducted with MN mandated social distancing measures in place. Until further notice, SLT Board Meetings will be conducted in person as detailed in SLT Special Notice #50, dated 02/15/2021.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Dale Lewis, Dan Hanson, Tammy Ziegler, Ronola Richards, Paulette Johnon

GUESTS/SPEAKER Emily Riley: Welcomed Dan to the board. Thanked everyone for her time on the boards. Paul Hawkinson: Concerned about the price paid on Skyhawk and 280th N. Dale responded that the board approved the cost, and it was paid. Lee Mindemann: commented on the decorum at the annual meeting and how out of hand it got. Suggested we look at a special meeting be held to address the levy.

READING /APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made to approve the reading of minutes made by Dan. Seconded by Dale.

READING/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS BY TREASURER: Bank balance as of March 29th, 2024, \$169,258.79. Loan payment on CAT came out April 1st. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Dale, seconded by Dan.

READING/APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL BY TREASURER: Motion made to approve Claims and payroll made by Dale, Tammy seconded.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT QRTLTY REPORT BY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Nothing to report currently.

SUSPENSE DATES:

April 24th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM Ringdahl Ambulance Service, 214 E Junius Ave, Fergus Falls

April 30th: Last day to file Federal and State 1st quarter reports. Paulette to handle.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dale L: Ditch mowing and tree trimming policy to be tabled until May.
- TEAM training? Ronola contacted Rob regarding training on remote meetings and he would need to meet at the hall to check out the equipment. Hold off currently on scheduling a time. Ronola to check with him on the price.

- Laptops: Ronola will get old laptops to Aubrey to clean up and or discard. Paulette will take hers into Aubrey also to get old passwords cleaned up as soon as both parties are available.
- Fergus Power Pump Contract: Table until May. Keep track of our costs on handling dust control this year and compare to costs saved by not having to gravel.
- Beaver Dam Trail: Egge gave prices for both crushed concrete and crushed asphalt. They suggested using crushed asphalt and laying it down 3 inches thick and packing it. Gravel prices to remain the same as last year. Egge suggested waiting until July to put the asphalt down. Continue discussion at next meeting.
- Perham EMS and Ringdahl (Pelican): Meeting with Perham EMS on March 25th. 6:00 at Perham Fire Hall was postponed until Thursday, March 28th, at 5:30 PM. Dale and Tammy attended. Dale presented info on the current financial crisis with ambulance services and how fees for SLT were calculated by both Perham EMS and Ringdahl.
- Weed Inspectors meeting, Tuesday, March 27th. Dan attended.
- Skyhawk: fence in right of way. Will be investigated. A suggestion was made to contact MAT Legal if SLT can do anything with the fence. Tammy will handle.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Review Supervisor responsibilities. Will discuss in detail at May meeting.
- Emily Riley was not reelected to the SLT board. She was replaced by Dan Hanson. Emily will be removed as a signer from bank account #300070. Tammy Ziegler was voted as chairperson with Dale Lewis as vice chair. Dale Lewis will be added as a signer to the bank account at United Community Bank. Acct # 300070.
- Lawn Service? Paulette to check on prices. Will consider making Alyssa an employee so she is covered by MATIT.
- Clerk info:
 - Investments: Paulette to obtain more info from Belle Bank on CD's. Ronola to check the interest rate on loan.

- Upcharge on dust control: see previous note.
 - LREC ballot SLT has the option to vote for one of the two candidates.
 - Update resolution for board, treasure and clerk pay. Emailed info to supervisors. Table until May meeting.
 - Road Foreman job description/Post to website and MN Job Service. Paulette to handle.
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- 360th: Dale and Tammy to share notes on options at applying different material to help maintain the road surface.
- Ashby Equity Contract: \$3.25 for diesel: Prepay contract? Dale to check and has the authorization to lock in contract. The board approved unanimously.
- 300th N: Proposed project. Raise the road? Replacing the culvert? Dale to look at pricing.
- Spring road tour. Scheduled for April 20th. Supervisors to meet at 9:00 to do tour.
- Road right of ways and culverts: Tammy to contact MAT lawyer about items in the right of way. Procedure and what are our options?
- Special meeting for budget/levy updates? EMS. Perham and Ringdahl charging SLT. West Otter Tail County Meeting: Ringdahl and Perham both in attendance. Provided info on the financial crisis the EMS services are dealing with. Dale volunteered to be on the bylaws committee to look at changing how the EMS companies are being charged. Hold off currently on any agreement for either service. A special meeting may be scheduled for August.
- Dale to get approval on gravel estimates. Provided list of roads with amount of gravel needed based on fall road survey. Cost for 2024, \$28,821.78. List attached to meeting notes. Tammy made a motion to approve, Dan seconded. Board approved unanimously this amount.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tammy requests meetings be changed to the 2nd Monday in June, July, and August. Tammy made a motion to approve. Dan seconded. Dale agreed.

NEXT MEETING: May 14th, 2024, at 6:00 PM

ADJOURN: Motion made by Tammy to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.