

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Dan Schmidtke.

Commissioners present were Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, Steve Flohrs, Elliot Belgard, and Dan Schmidtke. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, Corey Klanderud, Chief Deputy Martin County Sheriff's Office, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the February 18, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following addition: 8.14 Consider CY2013 Audit Services Agreement – Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Gary Reutzel, Jr. Vice Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) South Central Chapter, presented information on the DAV's clothing collection fundraising project. Reutzel stated the DAV has purchased two bins for collection of clothing and shoes that will then be transported to a Savers Thrift store which pays per pound. Reutzel went on to state one bin is located in the Fair Mall parking lot and requested Board consideration to place the second bin in the parking lot across the street from the courthouse. Reutzel noted the DAV will receive a check for pounds collected that will come directly to the south central chapter of the Disabled American Veterans to aid in providing services to veterans in our area.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve site location of parking lot across the street from the courthouse for placement of one clothing collection bin for the Disabled American Veterans; contingent upon no loss of parking spaces, snow is kept cleared for bin access, and that the fundraising program is successful. Carried unanimously.

No action taken for (re)appointments to the Martin County Economic Development Authority Commission, Water Plan Advisory Committee, or Martin County Park/Trails Committee.

Commissioner Pierce stated he has not yet received requested information pertaining to the South Central Regional Communications Board Joint Powers Agreement and recommends no action on this item until the information becomes available.

By consensus of the Board it was determined to table modifications to the Joint Powers Agreement forming the South Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board.

Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, stated that Bid Letting for C.P. 14:11 Bulk Purchasing of Gasoline & Diesel Fuel was held February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Martin County Highway Department – Fairmont, MN; and that two bids were received. Peyman noted that the dollar amount shown on the bid sheet is an estimate for the year and includes the City of Fairmont and Mn/DOT’s estimated usage that is billed back accordingly. Peyman recommends low bid award to Watonwan Farm Service (WFS).

**Bid Results  
C.P. 14:11  
Supplying Gasoline & Diesel Fuel**

Bidder – Watonwan Farm Service

	Unit of Measure	Approx. Quant.	Constant	Rack Price 2-10-14	Unit Price	Calculated Amt.
Diesel to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	85,000	0.06	3.194	3.254	\$276,590.00
Diesel to Dunnell Shop	Gallons	10,000	0.14	3.194	3.334	\$33,340.00
Diesel to Trimont Shop	Gallons	10,000	0.14	3.194	3.334	\$33,340.00
Gasoline to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	70,000	0.345	2.655	3.000	\$210,000.00
E-85 to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	4,000	0.345	2.050	2.395	\$9,580.00
TOTAL						<u>\$562,850.00</u>

NuWay Cooperative – Trimont, MN

	Unit of Measure	Approx. Quant.	Constant	Rack Price 2-10-14	Unit Price	Calculated Amt.
Diesel to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	85,000	0.08	3.194	3.274	\$278,290.00
Diesel to Dunnell Shop	Gallons	10,000	0.24	3.194	3.434	\$34,340.00
Diesel to Trimont Shop	Gallons	10,000	0.24	3.194	3.434	\$34,340.00
Gasoline to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	70,000	0.365	2.655	3.020	\$211,400.00
E-85 to Fairmont Shop	Gallons	4,000	0.4425	2.050	2.493	\$9,970.00
TOTAL						<u>\$568,340.00</u>

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after the appropriate advertisement for bids, and receiving bids for C.P. 14:11 Bulk Purchasing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels, and upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, hereby approve and award the low bid for purchasing of gasoline and diesel fuels to Watonwan Farm Service (WFS) in the amount of \$562,850.00; and to authorize the Board Chair and/or the following appropriate staff (County Engineer, County Auditor/Treasurer, County Attorney) to sign and execute the necessary documents for the listed project. Carried unanimously.

Peyman stated the Martin County Park/Trails Committee is recommending the hire of Gary Engler as Seasonal Parks Caretaker for an eight (8) month period beginning on or about March 10, 2014. Peyman stated Engler has been hired as the parks caretaker for the past several years

and does a good job for the county and recommends the Board approve the rehire of Gary Engler at \$17,500.00 per eight (8) month season (zero increase over 2013).

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Martin County Park/Trails Committee and Highway Engineer, hereby approve and authorize the hire of Gary Engler for the seasonal position of County Parks Caretaker effective on or about March 10, 2014 and will continue for eight (8) months at a monthly compensation (with required payroll deductions) of approximately \$1,029.42 per pay period; and is not eligible for county benefits. Carried unanimously.

Peyman stated the Board authorized the recruitment and replacement of a Shop Mechanic position for the Fairmont Shop earlier and that there were twelve (12) applications. Interviews with five (5) applicants were held and Peyman recommends the hire of Chris Mielke pending satisfactory reference checks and pre-employment drug tests.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of County Highway Engineer, hereby approve the hire of Chris Mielke, Shop Mechanic, at Grade 13 Step 1 at \$20.29/hour for the Martin County Highway Department effective on or about March 10, 2014; contingent upon satisfactory reference and required pre-employment drug test; and is eligible for benefits per the County Personnel Policies as it applies to this position. Carried unanimously.

Peyman stated the Board had also authorized the recruitment and replacement of a Maintenance Worker I position for the Fairmont Shop earlier and that there were twenty-two (22) applications. Interviews with six (6) applicants were held and Peyman recommends the hire of Brady Hanevik pending satisfactory reference checks and pre-employment drug tests.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of County Highway Engineer, hereby approve the hire of Brady Hanevik, Maintenance Worker I, at Grade 10 Step 1 at \$16.28/hour for the Martin County Highway Department effective on or about March 10, 2014; contingent upon satisfactory reference and required pre-employment drug test; and is eligible for benefits per the County Personnel Policies as it applies to this position. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department update stating Martin County's application was denied for FY2014 Parks Legacy Grant Program funding for planned improvements to Cedar Hanson Park; Township meeting tonight addressing road weight and enforcement laws; Highway Department crews out six to eight hours on Monday, February 17, 2014 to knock down snow drifts; and Martin County Highway Department policy regarding helping dig out township equipment that gets stuck. The Martin County Highway Department will provide services to pull out stuck equipment at no charge during normal working hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If services are provided after working hours, the Martin County Highway Department will bill the townships for services. The Martin County Highway Department will not pull out private party vehicles/equipment.

Val Jepsen, Martin County Mentoring Network Program, was present requesting approval to submit an application for Martin County Youth Foundation grant funding in the amount of \$1,400.00. Jepsen stated the funding request will help to reduce youth risk behaviors by providing supportive mentoring relationships and youth outreach activities for children who may face challenges in their lives. Jepsen noted the funding period would be effective March 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Martin County Mentoring Network Program's application for Martin County Youth Foundation grant funding in the amount of \$1,400.00. Carried unanimously.

Jepsen presented a Mentoring Network Program update including upcoming Knights of Columbus auction fundraiser on March 22, 2014, of which the Mentoring Program will receive 25% of the proceeds; the Martin County Mentoring Network Program currently has fifty-nine (59) kids enrolled of which fifteen (15) are on a waiting list; in 2013 we recruited twenty-seven (27) new mentors and so far this year we have five (5) new mentors; once a month we have a healthy youth activity (car maintenance night for teens, roller-skating, Christmas Party, board game night, and scarf making class); we continue to receive weekly referrals - some of those referrals are self-referred, some are from school staff, some are from Human Services, and a lot of them are through the BEST Program (Building and Empowering Students Together) a collaborative effort of the different organizations and programs in the county that work with youth; one other new development we have is mentor ID cards where cardholders can receive some perks from area businesses with the use of these cards and so far we've gotten two new sponsors for that Perkins in Fairmont and Arbys in Fairmont and we already have Center Creek Orchard, Cutting Edge Fitness, Pizza Hut, Jakes Pizza, the Fairmont Youth Hockey and Martin County Arena, and the Bowl-Mor; promoting and marketing of the program through our bi-monthly newsletter, Facebook page and county website, events including Family Fun Fair and Youth Activities Expo, Martin County Fair, and speaking opportunities. Jepsen stated my goal is to get all those kids off that waiting list and match with supportive mentors who will spend time with them.

Kay Wrucke, Martin County Recorder, stated the Recorder's Office has received the retirement resignation of Kathy Simmering, Account Tech I, effective May 30, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the retirement resignation of Kathy Simmering, Account Tech I, from employment with Martin County effective May 30, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Wrucke requests to begin the recruiting process for an Account Tech I position with the Martin County Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Belgard inquired if the Recorder's Office could get by without replacing the position. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill the Account Tech I position in the Martin County Recorder's Office. Carried unanimously.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, presented the Sheriff's Office recommendation to hire a full-time Emergency Manager for Martin County.

Corey Klanderud, Chief Deputy Martin County Sheriff's Office, stated Martin County received eighteen (18) applications for the full-time Emergency Manager position. The top nine (9) candidates were interviewed and of those nine (9) candidates, seven (7) chose to come to Martin County for interviews. The top two (2) candidates received an interview with Sheriff Markquart. Sheriff Markquart is recommending the hire of Luann Akers as the full-time Emergency Manager for Martin County effective on or about March 9, 2014 or March 23, 2014 at Grade 13 Step 9 at \$24.94/hour.

Commissioner Belgard stated he and Commissioner Schmidtke were involved in the Emergency Management Director position hiring process and would have liked to have had a chance to talk with Sheriff Markquart about his recommendation. Belgard noted he is not comfortable with the hire at this time. After further discussion,

By consensus of the Board it was determined to table the hire of a full-time Emergency Manager Director position.

Klanderud stated the Sheriff's Office came to you a while back and recommended a certain level of countywide education on the National Incident Management System and possibly setting a minimum county staff recommendation for completion of the 100 and 700 level classes which are both online classes. Klanderud noted class content will provide staff with a base knowledge of protocol that will be helpful if there is ever a disaster in Martin County. Klanderud went on to note online classes can take an hour or more to complete each level.

Chairman Schmidtke stated he went online and has successfully completed the 100 and 700 courses.

Higgins stated this is part of our compliance to Martin County's Emergency Management Plan as well.

Commissioner Pierce stated I kind of have a hard time with this. I don't fully understand this "Chicken Little" mentality that we run around with. We spent \$57,000 on this manual (I don't know where it is sitting) and we're looking at spending \$60,000-\$70,000 on this Emergency Management position over here, we play all these games with Human Services and Law Enforcement and everybody else and we sit around in big rooms all day and play what if. I just don't get it. We're not living under a threat we're all going to die tomorrow; but yet that's our mentality. I've mentioned it before...have the courthouse employees been trained in CPR...do they know how to use that defibrillator out on the wall out there? I just have a hard time with this. Our employees are busy, we know they are, and I don't want to burden them with more of this we're all going to die mentality. I have a hard time with this.

Chairman Schmidtke stated well we haven't had a lot of big disasters in Martin County, thank God, I mean because if it ever does hit here, I don't care how many people we have in the Sheriff's Office and Police Office, they're not going to be enough people. And even though any department, Scott (Higgins) is training and taking these classes, maybe he can't go out and run one of the positions like they can because they live this life, but it is going to make it a lot easier for him and myself and every one of us that has had anything done with this to make it better for all of us. I firmly believe that. I took two of them. I know I could be of more help now that I ever would have been before. And as commissioners we will be asked to help if something happens. I hope nothing ever happens here; but that's a pretty slim chance. Maybe it won't happen in our day...

Commissioner Belgard stated we bear a responsibility to make sure that we are prepared - there's no question about that and at what level. Maybe we won't have a big disaster but certainly we'll have little ones and this system is in place for little situations and medium size and of course we could go back to that flood in Truman in 2010 you know it starts out as a lot of rain overnight and you get the fire departments in there and then it comes into place where we need the emergency manager and they lay this out and it makes it a lot better for the citizens of Truman to get back to their life. Some of them still aren't over it...but by having that in place it eased through the situation and the Emergency Management person isn't there to run the situation, they are there to keep all the proper stuff to refer to...okay here's what's available...it's a resource list. I understand what you're saying, Steve, that at what level we need to be trained and how likely are we to have an event. But when we do we better be ready because that's what people expect us to do. It's probably not asking that much to have them staff spend three (3) or four (4) hours doing this. I think it is worthy of our consideration.

After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve mandatory requirement of National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Section 100 and Section 700 training for all county department heads; and highly recommend same training for all county staff. All those voting in favor: Commissioners Flohrs, Belgard, and Schmidtke. Those voting against: Commissioners Pierce and Donnelly. Motion carries.

Klanderud presented a Martin County Jail update and stated there are currently twenty-two (22) in custody; ten (10) in out of county placement; and eight (8) on Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM).

Commissioner Flohrs stated he currently sits on the Minnesota River Board and presented and reviewed a resolution to terminate the Minnesota River Board Joint Powers Agreement and end business operations of the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board (a.k.a. Minnesota River Board) on April 1, 2014. Flohrs noted Martin County is still expected to pay 50% of the FY14 dues in the amount of \$869.00.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

RESOLUTION  
TO TERMINATE THE MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AND  
END BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF THE  
MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD (a.k.a Minnesota River Board)  
ON APRIL 1, 2014

*This resolution was prepared by the Minnesota River Joint Powers Board (hereafter referred to as the "MRB") and approved by the MRB Executive Committee for member counties to consider, take action on, and file with the MRB Executive Director no later than February 21, 2014.*

The Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "joint powers agreement") was signed by 37 counties on July 12, 1995 and revised March 16, 1998, November 15, 1999, May 15, 2000, and approved with revisions on July 12, 2000, thereby establishing the joint exercise of powers to promote water quality improvement and management of the Minnesota River Watershed (in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.311, 103B.315, and 471.59). The 37 counties that signed the agreement in 1995 included Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown\*, Carver, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Dakota\*, Douglas\*, Faribault, Freeborn, Grant\*, Hennepin, Jackson\*, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln\*, Lyon\*, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Pipestone\*, Pope\*, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice\*, Scott, Sibley, Steele\*, Stevens, Swift\*, Traverse\*, Waseca, Watonwan\*, and Yellow Medicine\*. As of January 1, 2014, 15 counties (\*) had withdrawn from membership.

WHEREAS, after nearly 20 years of initiatives and challenges, as well as calls for change from its valued partners, the MRB delegates passed Resolution 12-01 in September, 2012 to dedicate funds for a full external review of the MRB governance structure, mission, duties, services provided, and funding; and

WHEREAS, the external review process was led by an independent consultant and a steering committee that included one representative from each of the following entities: Minnesota River Board, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), Minnesota River Watershed Projects, citizen-led organization, agricultural and water resource interests, and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD); and

WHEREAS, after several rounds of revisions, the end result of the external review process included guiding principles, primary functions, and recommendations for the governance and funding of a new basin entity; and

WHEREAS, the MRB delegates passed a motion on December 16, 2013, to advance the recommendations with no additional MRB involvement in the process, on a split vote (11 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention); and

WHEREAS, the MRB delegates passed a resolution on December 16, 2013 to complete required business, transfer existing projects, and/or otherwise cancel all agreements and bring the MRB business operations to a close on April 1, 2014.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MRB member counties must establish that the sentiment of the members is for the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement termination process to be initiated; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as per Section 7, Part B of the joint powers agreement, when a majority of the member counties agree, by resolution, to terminate the agreement, termination may then, but only then, be initiated; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, per the joint powers agreement, a majority of the member counties is defined as 12 of the 22 counties that paid dues during the first half of FY2014 (July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013); and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of a majority of member county resolutions to terminate the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement, the MRB shall wind up its business, including the defense and provocation of any claims against it;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the April 1, 2014, the MRB shall compile the review process recommendations, testimony from the December 16, 2013 meeting, other reports, and copies of this resolution from the member counties as part of a final MRB report that will be distributed to the Minnesota Legislature, Local Government Roundtable participants (Association of Minnesota Counties, MAWD, and MASWCD), natural resource agency leadership, and any other interested parties.

Resolution Motion Roll Call Vote (Required)

County Board roll call results for a motion to pass MRB Resolution 2014-01 (please clearly place an X using blue or black ink in the appropriate box that represents the vote for each Commissioner). A YES vote favors passage of Resolution 2014-01 to terminate the joint-powers agreement among the counties for the Minnesota River Board. A NO vote by a Commissioner indicates lack of support to pass Resolution 2014-01 and supports the continuation of a shared-governance Minnesota River entity. A simple majority of YES votes by the County Board in its entirety is required to pass the resolution.

Martin County

	YES	NO	Abstain
Commissioner Belgard	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Pierce	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Donnelly	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Schmidtke	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Flohrs	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Decision Date: 03/04/14  
Insert date of County Board Vote (required)

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of the votes designated above.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

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Position title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Pierce, Donnelly, Flohrs, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

Higgins stated Martin County has been approved by Mn/DOT for the purchase of one replacement Class 400 transit bus for 2014 with 80% State Share and 20% Local Share. The cost to purchase one bus is approximately \$70,000.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Capital Vehicle Contract No. 05092 between the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Transit, and Martin County, for capital funding for the purchase of one new transit vehicle in 2014 from 80% State Share of approximately \$56,000 and 20% Local Share of approximately \$14,000; and is effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented and reviewed a draft letter to our various legislators regarding the cost potential for the tax exemptions of the various storage tanks of various industries including ethanol tanks for Board consideration and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign letter stating the county's concerns for anticipated legislation exempting property taxes being assessed on storage tanks for ethanol production facilities. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated Minnesota Statutes set guidelines as to when the County Board of Appeal and Equalization may convene. Higgins went on to state current law provides that the County Board of Appeal and Equalization may meet after the second Friday in June on at least one meeting day and may meet up to ten (10) consecutive days. The Board of Equalization for 2014 must hold a meeting that does not recess or adjourn prior to 7 p.m. The County Board is being asked to establish the meeting date in order to include on the valuation notices to be mailed to each property owner in March. It is recommended that 2014 Martin County Board of Appeal and Equalization be set for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 with appointments available from 6:30 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. It is further recommended that the County Commissioners make up this Board. In the event outside appointments are deemed necessary we recommend the appointees be real estate professionals from outside our jurisdiction to help insure no conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, representing themselves as the Martin County Board of Appeal and Equalization, along with the appointment of the Auditor/Treasurer, hereby approve and set meeting date of June 17, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the County Board of Equalization to be held in the Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN, First Floor – Commissioners Meeting Room; with the County Board of Commissioners serving as the Board of Equalization, along with the appointment of James Forshee, Auditor/Treasurer, as a member of the Board as well. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, presented the formal Engagement Letter from the State Auditor listing what the auditors will be doing for the 2013 audit; and that their fees are based on standard hourly rates plus travel and any out-of-pocket expenses.

Commissioner Pierce opened a brief discussion on reserve funds designation.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair and Auditor/Treasurer to sign the letter of Understanding of Services Agreement for audit services by the State of Minnesota Office of the State Auditor for the year ended December 31, 2013. Carried unanimously.

Deb Mosloski, Martin County Drainage Specialist, stated the Drainage Administration Office has received an invoice in the amount of \$1,085.00 from Rinke-Noonan for services provided on JD #350. Mosloski went on to state bonding money for this ditch system is nearly depleted and currently there are not sufficient funds to pay this invoice. Until the bond is increased the only alternative will be to pay the Rinke-Noonan bill from the General Fund.

After much discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby deny Improvement Petition payment requests to be paid out of the county's general revenue account. Carried unanimously.

Mike Forstner, Martin County Ditch Inspector, recommends setting the price per acre for damages paid to landowners for crops that are damaged from outside of redeterminations including construction, over spraying of weed control, necessary repairs, etc.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby sets the 2014 price per acre for crop damages outside of ditch redeterminations at \$850.00 per acre for corn and \$500.00 per acre for soybeans. Carried unanimously.

Forstner and Mosloski reviewed that Ron Ringquist, Viewer, had inquired if the county wanted JD #35 redetermined at the same time as JD #367 and CD #29. Mosloski noted JD #35 is a small watershed located in Sections 31 & 32 of Rolling Green Township and in Sections 5 & 6 of Tenhassen Township. Mosloski went on to note this would complete the redeterminations in that area.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#14/'14

ORDER APPOINTING VIEWERS AND  
REDETERMINATION OF JD #35

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that the original benefits or damages determined in drainage proceedings for Martin County JD #35 do not reflect present day land values or that the benefited or damaged areas have changed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that:

Ron Ringquist  
402 Valley View Dr.  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Charles Bowers  
78799 335<sup>th</sup> St.  
Madelia, MN 56062

Chris Christianson  
27258 810<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Hollandale, MN 56045

Three disinterested residents of the state, be and hereby are appointed viewers to redetermine and report the benefits and damages and the benefited and damaged areas of Martin County JD #35.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the viewers, after taking an oath to faithfully perform their duties as viewers and, after having received from the County Drainage Office (Auditor/Treasurer), certified copies of the order appointing them as viewers and of the order designating the time and place of their first meeting, proceed with their work as such viewers pursuant to law and make and file their report with the Auditor at the earliest possible date.

Upon motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and unanimously carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Flohrs, Belgard, Pierce, Donnelly, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

Commissioners reviewed warrants and Highway and Drainage bills to be paid on February 18, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve payment of claims for the month of February 18, 2014 (with the exclusion of payment to Rinke-Noonan); and includes the Martin County Highway Department bills as presented and Drainage Administration bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid February 18, 2014 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved February 18, 2014	\$ 304,664.03
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund	\$ 1.95
Recreation and Safety Fund	\$ 29.09
Martin Co. Economic Development Authority	\$ 756.74
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 29,824.78
Law Library Fund	\$ 5,310.72
Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 61,490.45
Building – CIP – Fund	\$ 3,444.17
Bank Building Fund	\$ 3,320.99
Debt Service Fund	\$ 224,142.50
Forfeited Tax Fund	\$ 378.00
Miscellaneous Tax Fund	<u>\$ 396,248.00</u>
Total	\$1,031,003.76
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$ 61,417.80
Martin County Ditch Funds Totaled	\$ 252,829.42

Higgins stated Martin County received a State of Minnesota Merit Award as presented by the City of Fairmont and Minnesota Department of Transportation for recognition of Martin County's commitment and contribution to improvements recently completed at the Fairmont Municipal Airport.

Higgins reviewed two notices of public hearings as published by Tim Langer, R.S. Public Health Sanitarian for Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties. The public hearings will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 in the Commissioners Board Room with the first hearing to consider adoption of a Martin County Public Swimming Pool Ordinance; and the second hearing to consider adoption of a new Martin County Food and Beverage Service Ordinance.

The Board reviewed a new brochure for the 2014-15 Leadership Martin County Program that aims to develop community leaders to ensure the future vitality of our area.

Commissioners presented their individual board member reports.

Commissioner Flohrs stated he attended a Personnel Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. and Labor Management Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and Human Services Executive Board meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Belgard stated in addition to what has already been mentioned he attended a Human Services Executive Board meeting and First Net Radio Board meeting in Mankato, MN on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and Prairieland meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Pierce stated he had nothing new to add.

Commissioner Donnelly stated he attended a Building/Purchasing Committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated he also attended the Building/Purchasing Committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss relocation of the Assessor's Office and there are some plans getting drawn up and will meet again on March 4<sup>th</sup> to review what options are out there, and attended an Extension Committee meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: February 18, 2014 – Ag Business meeting tonight at The Ranch Restaurant; February 19, 2014 – Human Services meeting in Blue Earth, MN, Martin County Wellness Program Weigh-In at Highway Department and Courthouse, and Commissioner Belgard along with Faribault County Commissioner Greg Young will meet at 2:00 p.m. with Waste Management attorneys regarding some Prairieland issues; February 20, 2014 – Blue Earth River Watershed Meeting at 9:30 a.m. (Commissioner Flohrs will attend most of the meeting and Commissioner Donnelly will attend); February 21, 2014 – Drug Court Training Committee meeting at noon; February 24, 2014 – MVAC meeting; February 25, 2014 – Planning & Zoning meeting at 5:30 p.m.; February 26-27, 2014 – Local Government Legislative Conference at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront (so far Belgard, Flohrs and Higgins will attend); March 3, 2014 – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting and regular EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m.; March 4, 2014 – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. – Board Room, and Building/Purchasing Committee meeting immediately following the regular commissioners meeting.

Higgins opened a brief discussion regarding fund designation for Prairieland Director's cell phone bill.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator