

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD  
OCTOBER 18, 2022  
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 18, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse, City of St. James. The following Board members were present: Jim Branstad, Dillon Melheim, Bill Miller, Jim Pettersen and Bob Rinne. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pettersen moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the October 4 regular meeting.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve payment of bills as audited and filed in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows by fund: General Fund—\$110,368.40; Solid Waste Fund—\$79.89; Soil & Water Conservation—\$593.43; Building/Equipment Fund—\$1,450.00; Ditch Fund—\$82,575.27; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$54,719.78; and to pay the following credit cards: General Fund—\$10,221.33; Solid Waste Fund—\$288.20; Road and Bridge Fund—\$750.00; Library Fund—\$482.86; and Soil & Water Conservation—\$1,767.08.

Land Management Director David Haler and SWCD Assistant Manager Carrie Schultz were present to review an agreement with GBERBA for disbursal of grant funds.

Melheim moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Grant Proceed Disbursal Agreement Between Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance and Watonwan County.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present to review operations.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to designate the Commissioners, Kelly, Naomi and Lisa to the AMC Board meeting.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training requests submitted by Jared Bergeman and Jeff Tetzloff.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Leah Heffele to the position of Transit Technical Clerk.

Branstad moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve annual pay step increase for Laura Quiring, Alexandra Davis and Rick Bak.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the probationary resignation of Sandra Engstrom from the position of 911 Dispatcher.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the resignation in good standing of Maeghan Gagnon from the position of Library Technical Services Coordinator.

Rinne moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for the position of Library Technical Services Assistant or Coordinator, dependent on qualifications.

Branstad moved Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to proceed with a search firm between \$11,000-\$22,000 based on success statistics.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve closing the meeting at 10:00 pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual. Also present were County Attorney Stephen Lindee and Labor Attorney Peter Bergstrom.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve opening the meeting at 11:40.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Bob Rinne, Chairman  
Watowwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk  
Watowwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling  
Watowwan County Auditor/Treasurer