

March 6th 2018
Finley ND

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 9:17am. Present were Chairman Brian Tuite, Commissioners Russell Walcker, Richard Strand, Ted Johnson and Randy Richards. Also present were Emily Wigen, Matt Roller, Paul Kroepelin, Jake Dickson and Wayne Beckman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda additions: Extension Agent and Lease Lot Transfer. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Strand to approve the February 2018 minutes and bills. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The Steele County commission meeting was adjourned for the Steele County Park Board meeting at approximately 9:20am. The Steele County commission meeting reconvened at 9:58am.

Due to the Road Superintendent Reed Oien's absence, Road Department Office Manager, Ben Gates, met with the board to review the graveling schedule for 2018. County Road 9 will be added to the 2018 schedule giving a total of 54.5 miles. Oien's mileage count given at the last meeting was incorrect. Razor Tracking reports for the Road Department were also reviewed.

Gates offered information to the Commissioners regarding possible ordinances for wind tower and medical marijuana for the future. The board is not interested at this time. A quote for yearly maintenance work on the County generators was presented for review. The board feels the Road Department should be able to perform the required maintenance. Gates brought up the need for a shelter and siren at Golden Lake. Possible grants options for the future of this project were discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Richards to approve and sign the Steele County Park Board's building permit for the Golden Lake campground project retroactive to February 14th 2018. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Gates presented info on the new County GIS system and parcel variances. He also discussed Agland values for 2018 with a projected increase needed of approximately 6% county wide to bring Steele County to a 93% tolerance level.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Walcker to appoint Ben Gates as official proxy for the NE Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to sign and enter into a funding agreement with the State of North Dakota for the 2019 – 2021 biennium for the Clerk of Courts office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve and sign the Employee Assistance Program contract with St. Alexius for 2018, at 8 sessions per employee. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

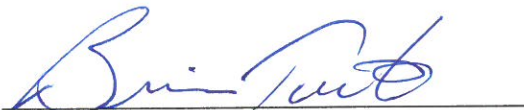
Steele County Water Board was not present to meet with the Commission. They were tabled until the April meeting. Commissioner Johnson gave a brief update on the Lake Tobiason project.

Extension Agent Angie Johnson was not present to meet with the board. Extension was tabled until the April meeting.

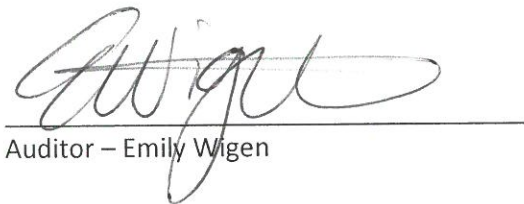
A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Commissioner Strand to approve a lease lot transfer from Shane and Tammy Burns to Richard and JoAnn Anderson. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Wigen provided an office update and extended an invite from Traill County to attend a defensive driving coarse being held the last week in March.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Strand to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. Meeting Adjourned.



Chairman – Brian Tuite



Auditor – Emily Wigen