

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Finley, ND

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:00am. Present was Chairman Russell Walcker, Commissioners Richard C. Strand, Ted Johnson, Brandon Krueger, and Brian Tuite. Also present was Matt Roller and Ed Fuglestad.

The Steele County Commission meeting was recessed for the Steele County Park Board meeting. The Steele County Commission meeting was reconvened.

Agenda additions – Interstate Engineering removed

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the minutes as presented.

Auditor Wigen presented two ballot measure drafts to be reviewed and approved by the board. Discussion was held regarding the wording.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the road and bridge measure as well as the Extension levy. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Beaver Creek Township contacted Strand to let the Commission know they would like to move forward with the bridge repair. It was agreed that it would be a 50/50 cost share and would allow payment installments.

Road Department Bookkeeper Ben Gates and Highway Superintendent Reed Oien joined the meeting.

Oien presented the board with gravel plans and bid requests for 2022 to review. New motor grader was discussed along with other financing options for the County. Gates and Oien met with SourceWell to gather information regarding leasing a new grader. Gates will discuss the options with States Attorney Stock and will discuss at the April meeting again.

A motion by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to take a short recess. All members voted yes. The Steele County Commission meeting reconvened at 9:23 am.

A motion by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Tuite to approve and publish the Request for Proposals for the bridge project. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger approve the RFP for the bridge structure replacement. All member voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the Golden Lake gaming raffle permit for 2022. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Steele County Water Resource District met with the commissioners to provide an update on the Golden Lake meeting and Elm River Dam projects. Estimated cost of 3.1 million for both dams.

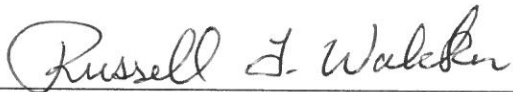
NDSU Extension Agent Megan Vig joined the meeting to invite the board to the Annual Township Association meeting which will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hope Café at 8:00 am. Commissioners Krueger and Strand will attend to present a commission update. Applicants and interviews for the Office Assistant/Weed Board position were discussed. Commissioner Krueger and Commissioner Walcker will work with Vig to complete interviews.

Public Health Nurse Kathryn Good joined the meeting and provided a Covid update including vaccines. Vaccines for children six months and older are in the works. Department of Health and Human Services will be merging in September of 2022.

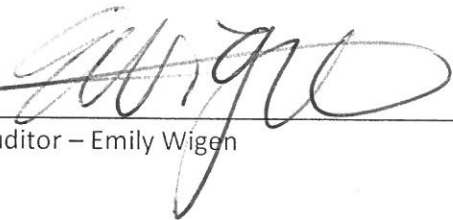
HR discussion was held. The board will be meeting with a consulting firm this week. Commissioner Krueger also worked on a draft for the Human Resources duties moving forward. Chain of command will be established. Special meeting may be needed to introduce the structure. Committee of three employees as well as possibly two commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the bills as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Strand to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 am. All members voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.



Chairman – Russell Walcker



Auditor – Emily Wigen