

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
MARCH 5, 2019**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Nesseth, Drotos and Safe were all present.

C/Anderson asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the February 19, 2019, County Board Minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve the amended March 5, 2019, County Board Agenda as amended:

Land Use Management report will be moved to the top of the agenda.  
Added a funding request from Red Wing Ignite.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the Court Appointed Attorney Contract with Johnson Law-Red Wing Office.
2. Approve Tuition Reimbursement for Jennifer Ziemer, Public Works.
3. Approve Sale of Public Works Items.
4. Approve 2019-2021 Land Leases.

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**“Wildwood Gardens” Preliminary and Final Plat Review.** Request submitted by Howard Stenerson (Owner) for Preliminary and Final Plat review of the proposed “Wildwood Gardens” Plat comprising approximately 56.45 acres. Parcels 43.135.0200 and 43.136.0380. TBD Wildwood Lane Red Wing, MN 55066. Part of the SE ¼ of Sect 35 and the SW ¼, SW ¼ of Sect 36 in Twp 113, Range 14 in Wacouta Township. A2 Zoned District.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to adopt the staff report into the record; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request submitted by Howard Stenerson (Owner) for Preliminary and Final Plat approval of the proposed “Wildwood Gardens” Plat comprising approximately 56.45 acres.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**2018 Annual Feedlot Report.** Goodhue County Feedlot Officer, Kelsey Petit, reviewed the 2018 County Feedlot Officer annual Report with the board and requested approval of the report.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the 2018 Annual Feedlot Officer Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Great River Rail Commission-Second Train to Chicago.** Staff recommended the board approve a resolution in support of Governor Walz including the \$4 million capital funding proposal from the MnDOT Passenger Rail Office in his capital funding proposal to the Minnesota Legislature.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve the following resolution of support:

**WHEREAS**, the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Second Train Passenger Rail Study completed the alternatives analysis and modelling for introducing a second daily train between the Twin Cities, Milwaukee and Chicago at speeds up to 79 miles per hour in December 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Second Train Passenger Rail Study identified approximately \$25 million in track and signal improvements in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger trains would utilize the existing Amtrak Empire Builder corridor from Saint Paul, MN to Chicago, IL with Minnesota station stops at Union Depot in Saint Paul, Red Wing and Winona; and

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**WHEREAS**, a second round-trip passenger train from the Twin Cities to Chicago will benefit Minnesota's economy by supporting and creating jobs, increasing tourism and providing a more economical travel choice; and

**WHEREAS**, freight railroads will benefit from the capital improvements needed for the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Second Train. Crossing improvements will make auto and truck travel safer; and

**WHEREAS**, MnDOT has requested \$4 million in Governor Walz's capital funding request to the legislature to complete the environmental analysis, service development plan and final engineering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Goodhue County, Minnesota, hereby supports funding for the Twin Cities-Milwaukee- Chicago Second Train, and requests that Governor Walz include the \$4 million request from the MnDOT Passenger Rail Office in his capital funding request to the Minnesota Legislature.

**RED WING IGNITE**

Steve Betcher, board member with Red Wing Ignite, reported that Red Wing Ignite had been selected by the Center on Rural Innovation (CORI) as one of nine rural communities nationwide to join the Rural Innovation Initiative. CORI is providing technical assistance and support to Red Wing Ignite, made possible by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), jumpstarting Red Wing Ignite efforts to apply for an EDA i6 Grant. We are working hard to raise \$750,000 for a 1:1 match (over 3 years) with the EDA by the end of March. The EDA has legislative direction to allocate 40% of its funds to rural communities. Mr. Betcher requested the board approve the request for funding.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following resolution of support for Red Wing Ignite:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Goodhue Board hereby authorizes the Goodhue County Finance Department to provide funds to the Red Wing Ignite EDA RIS i6 Challenge Grant in the amount of up to \$ 100,000 to be used to match dollar for dollar funds for economic development dollars obtained through the grant process. Said funds shall be drawn from the Goodhue County Economic Development Fund and administrated through the Goodhue County Economic Development Authority.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Drotos	• State Capital visit.
C/Nesseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Safe	•
Administrator Arneson	•

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$338,075.21, 03-Public Works \$219,369.22, 11- Human Service Fund \$134,947.92, 21-ISTS \$4,642.50, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$2,029.40, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$19,307.70, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$10,496.00, 81-Settlement \$27,655.43, in the total amount of \$756,523.38.

<sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the March 5, 2019, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved February 19, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the March 5, 2019 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved a Preliminary and Final Plat Review for Howard Stenerson, Wacouta Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the 2018 Annual Feedlot Report. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved a Resolution of Support for the Great River Rail Commission. (Motion carried 4-1)
7. Approved a Resolution of Support for funding for Red Wing Ignite. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the County Claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to adjourn the March 5, 2019 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)