Public Notice

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. KID-**DER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA**

February 14, 2025 10:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, February 14, 2025 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Mike Rivinius and Jon Martin Wold Engineering, Dan P. Mittleider, Josh Loosmore. Chairman Guthmiller called the

meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was

Josh Loosmore and Dan P. Mittleider spoke to the Commission regarding the Crystal Springs Watershed Project. They reported that there will be another meeting on Monday February 17th at 2:00pm at the Baptist Camp. Discussion was held on the square miles of underground water and the contributing factors for the in-crease in water. Information was given to the State. Discussion was also held on water flow, weather events, spillover from horsehead lake, aquafers, irrigation, railroad losing their footprint, ground water, 1980's drought and dams in the state. Loosmore said we need Mittleider on the steering committee and also wants Dronen involved as a Commission representative. An option was discussed that the Bible camp would possibly be moved but this doesn't help the problem. Mittleider said he doesn't want a problem to be created in Kidder County with water from Stutsman County. Discussion

held. Loosmore left the meeting. Rivinius & Martin joined the table Discussion was held on 36th Ave SE concerning using the existing trail and putting cattle guards in on both ends of the trail and signage to 80,000 lbs max. Discussion was held on making the road, moving the fence line and how the snow lays. Emergency Manager Loren Lang was called to the meeting. Discussion was held on FEMA eligibility for this project. There are no guarantees a grant would be granted and the project couldn't start till the grant is approved. Discussion was held on a temporary road, closing the road till funds are available and Flex Funding. A full set of plans would have to be done to get FEMA funds and a full set of plans would cost approx. \$100,000.00. Discussion was held on how many people use the road, surveying, design, archaeological, aquatic resources, open range

cattle crossing and wet lands.
Tappen Road Project South CP2223(025) was discussed. Discussion was held on which side streets need to done, getting a contract in place and getting bid date in the works. Will wait till March meeting for a bid date, contract for engineering was reviewed.

Dronen made a motion to enter into the contract for construction engineering with Wold Engineering for CP-2223(025) Tappen South Mill & Overlay, second by Friez, discussion, none, roll call vote: Guthmiller, Aye, Dronen, Aye, Friez, Aye. Motion carried.

Rivinius, Martin, Lang and Mittleider left the meeting.

Minutes of January 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed and special meetings January 29, 2025, February 5, 2025 and February 10, 2025 were reviewed. Dronen moved to accept the all minutes as written, Friez seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

The agenda was reviewed. Friez oved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

More discussion was held on the

Recess for lunch 12:10pm

watershed and irrigation. Resume from lunch 1:00pm

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Guthmiller, Dronen, Friez, Schoenhard, States Attorney Eric Hetland

Discussion was held on the Kidder County Council on Aging meeting. Guthmiller said Jean Bon had a meeting with NDDOT concerning transit and NDDOT said to keep transit running as is. The rental agreements were reviewed for the Kidder County Council on Aging and the Kidder
County Food Pantry building. A Council on Aging Letter of Understanding
from 2023 was reviewed. Hetland left

the meeting Jay Dukart, Robert Oster, Derrick Hanson, Kenny Pfaff, Josh Jensen and Garrett Pfaff joined the meeting. Discussion was held on pulling shoulders and which roads will be done this summer. Guthmiller stressed the use of the Grade Pro's on the motor graders and the board will monitor the use of them. Guthmiller also said 36th Ave SE project is still in the planning stages. 24th St SE was discussed as an alternative route. Discussion was held on the scarifier, rock & roll packer and making a water truck.

Discussion held on putting water on a road when working it, fuel refilling tank at a job site, getting gravel on the edges of the road, road north of Robinson, spring boils in roads, getting roads straightened out and tires for the

Board called Emergency Manager Loren Lang to the meeting and asked him if he knew of a system that puts out an alert to residents to notify them a road was closed, discussion held.

Discussion was also held on a skid steer or compact tractor, water truck, cutting edges and.

spraying. Guthmiller asked Oster about getting the calibration settings on the John Deere blades done, he said the calibrations cannot be done till spring. Discussion was held on Butler and John Deere holding classes for pulling shoulders and helping with blade programming. Kenny Pfaff said Butler put a new computer in his blade and they won't be able to really test it. until spring. Butler is doing better on checking in on his blade issues. Graveling was discussed. Dukart, Oster, Hanson, K. Pfaff, Jensen, G. Pfaff left the meeting. Discussion was held on finding a water truck and working on

Lang will check on the process for a USDA grant for a blade and look into the notification tool and government page for Facebook. Lang left the

Health insurance discussion was held regarding 100% full coverage for a family policy. Friez made a motion to pay 100% family health insurance policy premium for the retention and recruitment of employees, seconded by Dronen, discussion held on the county spending a lot on equipment and what is the county doing for recruitment and retention of employees. Call for vote: roll call: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye. Motion

Discussion was held on the option to let employees take a loan out against their retirement. Board denied putting the loan option on Nationwide retirement plan

September meeting date was discussed. There is a conflict with the date. Meeting date will be changed to 1 week later on September 19th, 2025, Schoenhard will notify department heads and the Steele Ozone.

Six County Regional Commissioners meeting will be in Ashley on March 11th at 10:00am. Discussion was held on agenda items.

Capital Connections will be held on February 18th & 19th in Bismarck. Discussion held.

Monthly State Aid was reviewed. Discussion held. Friez made a motion to transfer 100% of the Monthly State Aid from the General Fund to the Kidder Road Fund, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion held, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Spring Road Restrictions were discussed. Dronen made a motion to begin Road Restrictions on March 10th, 2025, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Schoenhard will put the Notice in the Kidder County

Ozone for two weeks. Discussion was held on the Tappen Shop pickup. Friez will check into this. John Deere loan was discussed, Choice Bank's interest is 5.7% on

5 year. Packer for a blade was diścussed. Jennifer Heck from John Deere said they have a used one from another county in Bismarck discussion Dronen made a motion to give

Guthmiller the authority to purchase the packer from John Deere, seconded by Friez discussion was held on the condition of the packer, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Guthmiller made the motion to acquire the loan from Choice Bank for the 2025 John Deere 772G Motor Grader at 5.7% for 72 months, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion

February bills were reviewed. Courthouse Payroll:

Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board, Back the Blue Grant

Less WH 3,410.92, SS 3,433.52, ND St. Tax WH 137.85 Wage WH

Insurance 1,681.38, Deferred Compensation 2,325.00, FSA 100.00 \$33,162.31

Commissioner Approved Payroll: General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Co. Library, Zoning: . \$41 731 84

Less WH 2,643.90, SS 3,218.43,

ND St. Tax 59.98, Insurance 1,707.39, Deferred Compensation 1,550.00.....

Choice Financial 14,694.83 WEX Bank 85.00
BEK Communications 826.08
Cardmember Services 815.03 Farmers Union Oil Pettibone . 1,098.54 Menards.....ND Post Board..... .. 45.00 Verizon Capital Trophy 122.99 Mac's Hardware..... BEK Communications......929.55 Cenex359.44 Clare Heinze..... . 95.00 ESRI, Inc ND Sheriff's & Deputies Assoc. 400.00 Sunset Law Enforcement 1,831.10 Tappen Farm Supply 192.42 US Postal Service......447.00 WEX Health 70.00 Wilhelm Chev. GMC 56.05 Zach Horst......14.28 City of Steele 310.20 Farmers & Merchants......466.34

Zimmermans Manufacturing..1,766.90 Monica Fitterer......241.10 NDSU Extension Service...... 6,734.66
 Creative Products
 375.50

 Centre, Inc
 1,500.00
 M&M Excavating......60.00 Janet Schauer42.42 NDACO 308.70
City of Robinson 648.00
City of Tappen 287.65
Deere Credit Inc 94.00 Dennis Morlock 2,002.00 KEM Electric 571.28 RDO Equip. 2,386.78
Strom Sewer Pumping. 121.00
Tappen Oil Company. 544.32
Tuttle Farmers Elevator. 870.74
Dronen made the motion to approve the February bills. Seconded by

Friez, Vote 3-0, Motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$1,324.90, January 2025. County Sheriff: \$275.00, January 2025.

Friez called Custodian Clare Heinze to the meeting to discuss the furnace room. Discussion was also held on the elevator. Heinze left the

meeting.
Discussion was held on making a copy of the work projects for the road crew for each shop and getting a monthly report from each shop.

Summer help for roads and the

pickup was discussed.
With no further business before the board Guthmiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm.
Read and approved this 14th day

of March 2024. /s/ Darrell Guthmiller, Chairman Board of County

Commissioners /s/ Jean Schoenhard, County Auditor

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KID-DER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA

Phone Conference

February 26, 2025
Present: Commissioners Darrell
Guthmiller, Timothy "Charlie" Dronen,
Nicholas Friez, Auditor Jean Schoenhard. No others called in.

Chairman Commissioner Guthmiller called the meeting to order at

Subject: Tappen Shop Pickup Discussion held on the 2009 Chevy 34 ton Pickup. Dronen made the motion to purchase the 2009 Chevy Pickup at \$18,500.00, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion, none, roll call vote: Guthmiller, aye, Friez, aye, Dronen, aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm Read and approved this 14th day March, 2024

Darrell Guthmiller
Chairman Board of County Commissioners Attest:Jean Schoenhard

County Auditor

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"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

—Eleanor Roosevelt

Area Church **Schedules**

STEELE CHURCHES:

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church - Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church-Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church - Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:

Dawson Lutheran Church - Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:

St. Paul's Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 7:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) - Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch.72 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Midweek Lenten services April 9th at 7:00pm. April 16 Christan Passover Seder service 7:00pm. April 18 Good Friday worship service 7:00pm. Easter Sunday worship 7:30am and 10:00am with breakfast between services.

Tappen Cornerstone Church -Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School,

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:

Faith Evangelical Church - Rev. Mike Kraemer, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

MEDINA CHURCHES:

St. Mary's Catholic – Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday,7:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday,

Grace Emmanuel United Church. Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

DRISCOLL CHURCHES:

Grace Lutheran Church - Pastors; Mark Narum and Martha HarriSon Worship service - 9:30 a.m.; Church Council - Meets qarterly; Communion -2nd and 4th Sundays

TUTTLE CHURCHES:

English Lutheran Church - Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 a.m.; Communion, 3^{rd} Sunday and Festival Days;

Tuttle Community Church -Sunday School 10:00 a m, Worship service,10:30 a.m.

ROBINSON CHURCHES:

Bethany Lutheran Church - Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, Each Sunday 9:30 a.m.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 104 Main St. N Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill- Second and Fourth Sundays 8:30 a.m

Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth. - Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, First &Third Sundays, 8:30 am

STREETER CHURCHES:

Hope Ebenezer Church - Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10;30 a.m., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9·15 a m

STERLING CHURCHES:

United Methodist - Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study. Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45

Valley Township

Equalization Meeting

The Valley Township equalization meeting will be held at the home of Twyla Stroh on April 15th at 7:00pm



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