

**MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WARREN, MN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONER’S BOARDROOM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairperson Bring called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sharon Bring, Gary Kiesow, Rolland Miller, Jim Duckstad, Larry Nybladh and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters present.

Don and Doni Loeslie addressed the Board with water issue concerns on the County Ditch 45 system, with the amount of flow that this system now handles and how this is causing severe bank erosion. He feels this system will breach one day, causing significant damage as this occurs and that preventative measures should be taken to alleviate this. County Engineer Lon Aune was available for this presentation and indicated that the concerns are currently being addressed by the Ditch Authority.

The Board approved the September 6, 2022 meeting agenda with additions. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0)**

The minutes from the August 16, 2022 Board Meeting were approved with corrections. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 09-06-01

Auditor Warrants

August 18, 2022	\$14,442.73
August 19, 2022	\$83,504.70
August 19, 2022	\$1,785.42

Commissioner Warrants **\$522,634.84**

M/S/C – Nybladh, Duckstad (5,0)

Brady Martz Representative Tracee Bruggeman provided a 2021 County Audit Exit interview. Overall, the County had a good year with no significant issues to report. Deputy Auditors Mandy Rosendahl and Krista East were available during this presentation.

Northwest Regional Library Administrator Jim Trojanowski provided a Library Update and 2023 Budget Review. A 3% increase for funding is requested for 2023. The Board approved a 3% increase in funding for 2023 for the library. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**

Veterans Service Officer Brett Brandon provided a 2023 Budget Review. The following Veterans Services Operational Enhancement Grant Program received Board approval.

RESOLUTION 09-06-02

Be IT RESOLVED BY Marshall County Board of Commissioners that the County enter into a **Grant Agreement** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county’s veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with the other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of county veterans service office as specified in as specified in Minnesota Statutes ss197.608. as amended by Minnesota Laws 2022, Regular Session, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 3,

Subdivision 2e. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Marshall County that Brett Brandon, the County Veteran Service Officer be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County. **M/S/C – Miller, Nybladh (5,0)**

Ag Services Director Dave Clark provided an Ag Services Update and 2023 Budget Review. Weeds are vigorously growing this year with a few more complaints on noxious weeds as well.

Highway Engineer Lon Aune met with the Board on the following.

1. The CSAH 53 project will start about September 15th.
2. 2023 Equipment ordering – will be ordering early due to availability concerns.
3. Some culverts have now been delivered as supply allows.
4. The Board recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0)** CD 45 cleaning requests will be reviewed and brought back for consideration at a subsequent meeting. The Board approved a cleaning request for 1.5 miles on CD 25, Branch 3 and County Ditch 2 in sections 31 and 32 of Spruce Valley Township. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (5,0)** The Ditch Authority Meeting was closed and the Regular Meeting was reconvened. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0)**

SWCD Manager Darren Carlson provided a Program Review and 2023 Budget Review. Long term SWCD Board Members Brad Berg, Duane Potucek and Wallace Bengtson will be retiring from their positions at the end of this year. Mr. Carlson and the County Board extended gratitude for their service. A total of 13,000 trees were sold this year. A number of wells were sealed and many side water inlets installed across the County this past year. A \$5,000 increase of County Funding in 2023 is requested.

The Board met with Assessor Appraiser Ryan Larson. Mr. Larson has now received his AMA certification. The Board approved to pay Mr. Steer for unused vacation time from the additional vacation hours given in the transition plan due to needing to fill in more than expected due to worker shortages. **M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0)**

The 2023 County Levy and Budget was reviewed by the Board.

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Kiesow	Northwest Community Action
Duckstad	2 Minnesota State Emergency Communication Board Meetings
Bring	Northwest Community Action
Nybladh	Employee Benefits Committee, NW Minnesota Hazardous Waste
Miller	Employee Benefits Committee, Counties Providing Technology

Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters provided the following report:

1. Ditch and Five-Year Financial Reports through August
2. The Board set the Truth in Taxation meeting for Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Boardroom. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Nybladh (5,0)**
3. Forfeited Tax and Mobile Home/Blighted Property Tax Update
4. Investment Report
5. The Board approved to utilize Met Life for Dental Insurance Coverage beginning in 2023. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Kiesow (5,0)**
5. Marshall County Depository List Review
6. The Annual Report from MST Watershed was shared.
7. Open Enrollment for 2023 is October 17-21.
8. Correspondence from JPS was shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. by Chairperson Bring.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER