

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, August 20, 2009
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Chairman Jack Kopp called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Agenda was amended by Jack Kopp-motion by Manley Olson, second by Joel Peterson.

Board Members Present:

Jack (John) Kopp
Stephen Merten
Gerald Bjork
Joel Peterson

Treasurer: Karen Anderson
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Board Members Absent:

Manley Olson

Others Present:

Lynn Wolleat – Lead Maintenance
Loren Johnson
Sherry Stirling
Joyce Meyers
Steve Hass
Don Reichtzer
Steve Hass
Commissioner Rick Greene

Joyce Marienfeld
Martha Arnold
David Rotchfitor
Rick Hals
Bill Deming
Charles Ekstedt

Approve Agenda: Move Loren Johnson to the 1st item on new business

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Stephen Merten, second Joel Peterson, to accept the July 2009 meeting minutes as presented.

Clerk Update: None

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Joel Peterson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #2735 through 2745 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

- Transfer \$3,000.00 from the general fund savings to the general fund checking
- Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to pay Steve Hass once gravel hauling is complete (11,560 yards times \$2.43) which equals \$28,090.80 Motion carried.

Johnson Pit: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to include water permit and water usage in Johnson Pit agreement. Motion carried

Commissioner Rick Greene: The Chisago County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the replacement of Kost Dam Bridge.

MasTec: Clerk Kowalke to send approved application to MasTec with the understanding they stay out of the 33 feet right of way. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to give Clerk Kowalke to approve the MasTec applications with the above understanding. Motion carried.

Ekstedt, Carl (Preliminary Plat of Ekstedt Acres two (2) five (5) acre tracts out of a 75 acre tract) – Representative Charles Ekstedt Present: Just off of County Road 81. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to approve plat with the stipulation that the parcel on the northeast corner with existing driveway to the existing homestead on this property be included in a legal access to County Road 81 once platted. Motion carried.

Joyce Marienfeld, LS Power Plant: Joyce Marienfeld distributed a power plant information sheet. Ms. Marienfeld voiced some concerns that this is going to be a 837 MW power plant. 2 million gallons average a day. Protected aquifer ground water is concern. Fuel oil is a very large concern. Sunrise watershed was brought up as an issue. Ms. Marienfeld is asking Sunrise Board to make an environmental impact statement at a minimum. Ms. Marienfeld was informed that Sunrise Township does not interfere with other township issues. As a citizen Township Board members can go to the County meetings. Stephen Merten trusts that the state agencies will make sure that there will be no issues with the drinking water. Joel Peterson is concerned about the water and agrees that the Board does not have a position. Gerald Bjork has the same concerns about the water.

The metro water is protected so that there will be future drinking water in the metro counties. Where they are drilling it is the most precarious area.

Kost Dam Bridge – Laird Mork, Chisago County Park Directory (Sherry Stirling, Chisago Co. Historical Society: Sunrise Board informed Park Director Mork that the Kost Bridge issue is in the very early stages. Joe Triplette processed paperwork to obtain funding to replace the bridge. The bridge will be replaced with boxed or arched culverts. One of the features and the historic value for the park is that this is the only steel pony trust left in the county. Park Director Mork proposed to buy the bridge from the township and work with the Historical Society and County Board to save the bridge as a pedestrian walk-way if funding is available.. Park Director Mork would like to explore options to save the bridge. Park Director Mork would like an engineer to come up with a cost estimate for the east side of the road.

The Town Board would like to see the bridge saved for the historical park services. The county is looking for funding from the state and federal money. The Sunrise Board is willing to save the bridge at no extra costs to the citizens of Sunrise.

Don Reichkitzer – Jess Avenue: The Township is going to continue to maintain the road to the legal description. Mr. Reichkitzer was informed that if he wishes to pursue anything further that is his option. Gerald Bjork abstained from this issue due to conflict of interest. Place September agenda.

River Road Damage: Lynn Wolleat stopped the trucks from hauling out of the Tiller Pit, because of the road damage from Knife River due to the rain. Jack Kopp talked with Mike Caron of Tiller Corporation to propose they place 1200 yards of gravel every year for five (5) years on River Road

from the Tiller Pit to County Road 9. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to pursue coming up with an agreement

Maintenance Update: Getting Load on fuel. Down to about 500 gallons. Road sign inventory being performed. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to purchase #2 diesel. Motion carried. Clerk Kowalke to line up sentence to serve to pick up brush ditches. Putting down new gravel and blend into driveway approaches.

Board Maintenance Direction:

Mow Richard Widmark site. Lynn
Remove Steele done

New Direction:

Dress up culvert on County Rd 9 property
Purchase picnic tables for park-board determined too late this year-plan to do for next year
Outhouse Venting
Brushing
Mowing ongoing
Repair display at Town Hall not done yet

Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Stephen Merten to send Lynn Wolleat to 2009 fall maintenance expo.

Wage Increase Lynn Wolleat: Motion by Joel Peterson, second by Gerald Bjork to give a \$0.25 per hour raise plus cap health insurance as of August 20, 2009 cost beginning October 1, 2009. . Motion carried.

Wage Increase Steve Anderson: Mr. Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Joel Peterson to give Steve Anderson a \$0.25 as of October 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Stephen Merten to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

John (Jack) Kopp, Chairperson