

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 21, 2011

Minutes of
5-17-11

Report of Board Meeting May 17, 2011 Not Yet Approved

Officers Present:

James Nigg, Chair

Carol Nelson, Clerk

Others:

Linda Nigg

Lyle Smith

Arntson Construction (???could not read)

William Norris, Supervisor

Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Odell Nelson

David Hayer

Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

(joined the meeting at 8:15)

Doug Acliding

Jeff Stabnow

Pete Caron

Rick Sonnenberg

1. At 8 p.m., Jim Nigg, Supervisor Chair called the meeting to order with the Pledge Of Allegiance.
2. Agenda - Norris made the motion to approve agenda w/the addition to 10b to add Darrin Dahring's quote for mowing ditches plus Steve Ehnert's quote. Nigg 2nd. Motion approved 2/0.
3. Gopher Bounty - Joe Tschida brought in 92 gopher feet/46 gophers for \$115.00 check# 2250
4. Road Maintenance - nothing to report at this meeting.
5. Road Agreement -
Edna's Board cannot extend the Sonnenberg contract for another year. This is not legal. The Supervisor's do not need to publish this request for quotes. Sonnenberg's may wish to write a quote for a one year term, July 2011 - June 2012. The Board does need to extend the current contract for one month. Norris made motion to cancel the one year extension to Sonnenberg's road maintenance contract as voted & approved at the April meeting. Nigg 2nd. Motion approved, 2/0.
Nigg made motion to extend Sonnenberg's existing contract for one month. Norris 2nd. Motion approved 2/0.
Quotes are simply quotes. They are not bound by low dollar amount, machinery would also be considered.
6. Clerk's report - Norris made the motion to accept the report as written. Sazama 2nd. Report approved
Report of 4/27 special hearing - no corrections/additions. Norris moved to approve, Sazama 2nd.
Approved 3/0.
7. Treasurer's report -
In the past month, Edna Township has received from the OTC treasurer \$721.69. The total receipts for the current year are \$24,575.02. Current cash balance is \$26,709.57. Nigg arranged to have \$19,000. transferred from Edna's line of credit, Farmer's State Bank, for May's claims.
Sazama made the motion to approve the report, Norris 2nd. Report approved 3/0
8. MN Twp short course training, March 2011
Nigg shared some info concerning gravel roads. Nigg & Nelson turned in reports on the short courses. West Little McDonald is an excellent example of a correctly done gravel road.
9. Road Concerns
Wolf Lake - road has been built up with borrow from adjoining landowner, needs gravel topping, have added rocks for protection. An area farmer donated fill & this also reduced a snow catch spot. This elevated the road about 3-4 feet. Road has been a consistent problem. There may be an option for Wolf Lake Road to be vented into a ditch & Rush lake.
North Little McDonald Drive - takes people to a public access. It is signed as "closed to through traffic & as water over the road". The road is a concern, heavy rain will demand more attention & the possibility of closing this road to all traffic.
- Crack sealing - a series of roads were crack sealed with the longer lasting product. If money comes in, more roads would be done this fall. Then, Edna Township could have all black topped roads on a 3 year rotation basis.
10. Correspondence
a Devil's Lake Road - Attorney Svingen wrote out possible options;
1) This road was intended to be platted, was surveyed, but never platted. Residents have a road right of way, not a plat. At the special hearing, April 27, 2011, a petition was presented by residents of Devil's Lake Road asking Edna Twp to establish the road at 18 feet width. Since Edna Twp has been maintaining the road at this width, no petition is necessary. There are limits to what can be done. Easements will be required from landowners, if Edna Twp is to improve & raise the road.
2) If this road was built up to Edna Twp's standards, major easements will be needed from about 90 residents and surveying must done to build the 66 feet right of way. The attorney will need the name of every landowner adjacent to the road. Notice must be given to each landowner. There would need to be a

public hearing. Board would be wise to assure themselves they would get the necessary easements before spending any \$\$\$\$\$. Then, the petition to improve the road & listing of all costs would be given to the landowners. Many lots are on the lakeside, a few lots are on the west side. That would mean that assessing the costs on a per foot value would be unfair to some residents. That would also require a public hearing & discussion. About 70 lots would be assessed at \$298/year for 5 years to build a road to Twp specs & wider than 18 feet. Moving even 6 feet off the side of the road on either side, would be trespassing. If someone could not agree, the engineer would determine the way the road would run.

Q. Why would we need a road larger than 18 feet?

A. Engineer Heyer an estimate of filling road to an 18 ft top, 1.5 feet higher than now, plus developing a decent surface & shoulders would be acceptable. To receive state funding, MN requires 22 feet wide road, 3 15" culverts, requiring drainage easements, 1.5 raise of road, to qualify for state aid & to limit twp liability. If any widening of the road could be done, there would be hope the road would be widened to the swamp side. \$58,000 would be the nuts & bolts cost of the road itself, without much finishing & not including approaches. \$100,000 would be the most likely cost. Getting the easements done by the residents would save some costs. If Devil's lake continues to rise & to cause pressure, the entire road could be lost anyhow.

Concerns -

a. find out where the road is within the road easement in each tract. This could cost \$3,200.00 plus costs for 2 days of surveying to determine where the corners are, easements are, connect the dots & configure the map.

b. There is the decision as where to put the improvements as long as they stay within the corridor. There is some red tape but not overwhelming. The assessments could be divided between the people who use the road.

Q. Are any residents doing any of the work towards venting the lake?

A. If going to invest Twp. dollars, they do need to know if road will be protected. If safety cannot be maintained, the road can be closed by the Twp. There are a lot of issues here. This can be a thorny situation. If you step off the road right now, you will go to your knees in muck. Are the people who live on the hill are not concerned about protecting the road? LID will have a proposal for Cty commissioners to vent Paul, Little Mc & Kerbs. Devil's lake need to connect with commissioners to get involved. A proposal will be made., Otter Tail County is seeking info now.

What do residents want? 18 feet? 22 feet? 22 feet allows twp to get state gas tax money. However, at this time, it would not make sense to put lots of \$\$\$\$ into the road.

Norris made motion to get easements from affected property owners before Twp makes any move forward on the road decision. Sazama 2nd. Motion passed 3/0

Norris made motion to have survey done by Heyer Engineering to the estimated amount of \$3200.00, with the plan that that amount can be rolled into the assessments if the project goes through. Sazama 2nd. Svingen suggests the easements be requested to develop the widest possible road width.

Motion approved 3/0.

Once the survey is established & the legal descriptions are done, Svingen can do the searching for owners. If weekends bring rough weather, the Twp. may have to close the road at both washout segments. This will still allow residents to reach their property.

b. Mowing Quotes (were submitted by Contractor's at their own initiative)

1). Steve Ehnert -

Equipment listed - one IHC B275 tractor & two IHC 2424 tractors,

Charges \$26/mile for each round cut, \$50/mile for extra cutting;

Fuel clause= gas above \$4.00/gallon, add \$0.50/mile,

gas over \$4.50/mile add \$1.00/mile, gas over \$5.00 mile, add \$1.50/mile.

A round cut includes both sides of the road

2). Dustin Dahring-

Equipment listed=8N Ford tractor with 7 foot sickle mower & 180 Allis Chalmers tractor with 616 New Holland 7 foot disc mower

Charges \$23.00/mile per cutting \$45.00/mile for extra cutting based on fuel costs of \$3.55/gallon

Fuel clause=add or subtract \$0.50 per mile for each \$1.00 per gallon increase or decrease from this price.

Sazama made motion to accept Dahring's quote. Norris 2nd. Motion approved 3/0

c. Dust control - never been used, will not start now.

d. Perham Public Library sent a thank you letter accepting the donation granted by residents at the March

Annual Meeting.

- e. Hospital update from Terry Marthaler - quite impressive. Can see progress on Edna Twp website. This project is coming in under budget & on time. Survey work for new exit/entrance ramps is being done.
f. Short courses Sazama, Norris, Nigg, Nelson plan to attend. Nelson will do the registering.

11. Website additions - loading any info sent in on a PDF Road closing reports are on website.

12. Claims -

Crack sealing was done by Quality Paving, with Dora & Edna Twps. sharing costs..
Norris had talked w/Ackling Construction & only had authority to spend \$15,000. The actual charges were \$15,158.00. Norris moved to pay \$15,000 for Devil's Lake Road work as requested. The Supervisors want Ackling Construction to know they appreciate the ASAP work. Nigg 2nd. Motion approved 3/0.
Norris made motion to pay claims as they stand, expect for the Ackling Construction claim. Sazama 2nd.
Motion approve 3/0.

CLAIMS PAID MAY 17, 2011

#47	Karen Marthaler	Salary & meetings	\$238.55
#48	Perham Printing	copies for meeting & officers	\$13.47
#49	E.O.T. Focus	special hearing Devil's Lake Road	\$25.75
#50	Carol Nelson	Salary & meetings	\$314.51
#51	James Nigg	Meetings & road inspections	\$341.48
#52	Sonnenberg Road Maint.	road grading, road washouts	\$3426.50
#53	M - R Sign Co., Inc.	signs, cones, grammetts for cable ties	\$2955.68
#54	Heyer Engineering	consulting/planning Wolf Lake & Devil's Lake Roads	\$1725.00
#55	Ackling Construction	Devil's Lake Road	\$15,000.00
#56	Sonnenberg Excavating	install culvert Heart Lake Road fill on Wolf Lake Road	\$5200.00
#57	Arntson Construction, LLC	400 th -385 Ave, E. Big McD, Bills Beach Rd.	\$10,320.00
#58	Joe Tschida	gopher bounty	\$115.00
#59	MN Assoc. Twps	Registration for training \$45/person, 6/27	<u>\$135.00</u>
			\$39,810.94

Norris made motion to adjourn. Sazama 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:28.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Nelson, Clerk
Edna Township