

March 5, 2019

Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Chris Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Minutes of Commissioners Meeting 02/25/2019
2. Auditor Warrants 2/28/19

Motion carried unanimously.

LAKE BENTON II ROAD USE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

Danell Herzig, Kimberly Dickey, and Joe Gallagher of Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC and Jay Wetmore of Westwood Inc. joined the meeting. A presentation was made on the Decommissioning Plan for the current site as well as the Development Agreement and Road Use Agreement. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the Road Use and Repair Agreement between Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC and Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Development Agreement effective March 5, 2019 between Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC (“Owner”) and Pipestone County, Minnesota (“County”). The agreement states the following:

1. The Owner desires and intends to develop an approximately 100 megawatt (“MW”) large wind energy conversion system in Pipestone County, Minnesota (the “Project”). The Project Area includes the following:

Table 1: Project Area Location

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| County Name | Township Name | Township | Range | Sections |
|-------------|------------------|----------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipestone | Aetna | 108N | 44W | 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 |
| Pipestone | Fountain Prairie | 108N | 45W | 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 36 |
| Pipestone | Rock | 107N | 44W | 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 |

2. Depending on the final turbine selected by the Owner, the wind energy facility will consist of up to 44 wind turbines and each turbine will generate between 2.1 and 2.3 MW. At completion, the wind farm will generate approximately 100 MW of electrical energy.

3. The Owner has applied for a site permit for a large wind energy conversion system from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC”) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 216F. The rules implementing these LWECs permitting requirements are found in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7854.

4. Electricity from the Project will be transported via an underground collection system to the three existing substations and the new Golf substation where it will be stepped up to 115 kV and then interconnected to Northern States Power Company’s 115 kV distribution lines.

5. The Owner entered into agreements with the owners of the real property within the Project Area, giving it control of this land for the purpose of, and authority to, develop the Project.

6. This Agreement specifies the commitments made by the Parties for the purpose of ensuring that the Project is consistent with the County’s existing applicable policies and ordinances, and to ensure that all final approvals will be in the best interests of area citizens.

Motion carried unanimously. This agreement is effective for 5 years from the date of approval.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

County Engineer Nick Bergman provided information on project updates, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve right-of-way payments for project SAP 59-613-15 as follows:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Land Owner:</u> | <u>Payment:</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SAP 59-613-15 | The George Bieber LLC | \$3,100.00 |
| SAP 59-613-15 | Marty & Marie Wallin | \$16,370.00 |
| SAP 59-613-15 | Dan & Amy Folkerts | \$2,500.00 |

Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented the following quotes for purchase of cutting edges.

Bids

One way plows and wing cutting edges.

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| H & L Mesabi | \$3,290.45* |
| Kris Engineering | \$3,178.85** |

Carbide edges for graders.

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| H & L Mesabi | \$6,132.50* |
| Kris Engineering | \$6,445.50** |

*1 week for delivery
**4-6 weeks for delivery

Engineer Bergman stated that he is recommending purchase of cutting edges from H & L Wasabi despite the slightly higher price because of the faster delivery time. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve purchase of one way plows and wing cutting edges from H & L Mesabi at a cost of \$3,290.45 and carbide edges for graders from H & L Mesabi at a cost of \$6,132.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve final payment for SP 059-616-032 & SP 059-602-025 to Duininck Inc., Prinsburg, MN in the amount of \$155,384.88. These were Federal grading projects on CSAH 2 & CSAH 16.

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| Original Contract Amount | \$ 3,233,434.59 |
| Final Contract Amount | \$ 3,297,697.76 |
| Final Payment Amount | \$ 155,384.88 |

Motion carried unanimously.

CARRIE BENDIX – SOUTHWEST PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Carrie Bendix, Executive Director of Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, presented an annual update of Southwest MN Private Industry Council services.

EMPG GRANT, 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT

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Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert presented for approval the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement between Minnesota Homeland Security and Pipestone County that provides \$17,199.00 for 2018 Emergency Management operations in Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

TELECOMMUTING POLICY

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of a telecommuting policy and agreement for Pipestone County employees. Requests for telecommuting will be approved on a case-by-case basis as approved by the department head and reviewed by the County Administrator. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Pipestone County Telecommuting Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

QUARTZITE STONE AGREEMENT

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a quartzite stone agreement which states that the County of Pipestone and City of Pipestone wish to salvage and store for future use a quantity of pink quartzite stone blocks from the Pipestone Central School demolition project. The purpose of salvaging the stone is to make it available for potential use for a local historical sign, public memorial, and repairs to a quartzite building(s) either in the City or County of Pipestone. Stone will not be available for purchase by the general public. The stone will be stored at a location within the City of Pipestone and any access to that location to obtain a quantity of stone will be granted only upon mutual agreement between the City of Pipestone and County of Pipestone. The demolition contractor shall deliver the stone to the designated location at his expense. The Pipestone City Administrator and County Administrator will be the primary contacts for the proposed uses of the stone. Requests for stone will be reviewed jointly by the Administrators and permitted only by mutual agreement of the parties. No stone will be allowed to be taken unless approved by both the City Administrator and County Administrator. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the agreement Between the City of Pipestone and County of Pipestone Regarding the Storage and Use of Reclaimed Pink Quartzite Stone Blocks. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL SCHOOL LEAK SITE INVESTIGATION

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County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that there was a petro leak found at the Central School Demo Site in the boiler room. Bolton and Menk advised the MPCA. Quotes received for Leak Site Investigation Standard Scope of Work are as follows:

| <i>Company</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Metco | LaCrosse, WI | \$7,793.00 |
| Wenck Associates Inc. | Various locations | \$11,767.00 |
| American Engineer & Testing | Mankato, MN | \$13,342.00 |

Work will be done in June after the building is taken down, and the MPCA will reimburse the County for 90% of the cost. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the Leak Site Investigation Standard Scope of Work from Metco in the amount of \$7,793.00. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: AMC Transportation Work Group, AMC Environment & Natural Resources Committee, PCMC Board Meeting, AMC Transportation Workgroup, Highway 23 Coalition, Prime Health, Road and Bridge Hearing.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Southwest Solid Waste, RMEB, AMC Conference, SMOC, Caring Hands Conference Call, SWHHS

Commissioner Nath: PCMC Plant Operations, Southwest Mental Health, PrimeWest (cancelled), CPT (cancelled), SWCD, Personnel, Building and Grounds, Radio Board, SWHHS.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: IT ProWest Meeting, AMC Conference, Transportation Infrastructure, PCMC Board Meeting, CPT, Personnel, PCMC Conference Call.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10a.m.

Chris Hollingsworth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

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ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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