

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
September 5, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fenske. Members present: Buysse, Fenske, Goodenow, Vandelanotte, and County Administrator Jorgensen. Absent until 10:50: County Attorney Maes. Absent: Gladis.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda approved with the deletion of discussing CD#56 and the update from Community Plus.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the minutes from the July 25th JD#31 L&L meeting, Special Meeting on August 8, and the regular board meetings on August 1 and 15. All voted in favor.

Ditch Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve the ditch vouchers. All voted in favor.

Aeration Application Permits were presented. Hammer – We will be making payment to the aeration fund at the end of November or early December. Fenske – There are nine applications. Hammer – Some of them have two or three aerators. Buysse – Have we gotten any more money from the DNR? Jorgensen – Not a lot more. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the chairman signing the aerator applications. All voted in favor.

Hammer – The time of the JD#15 hearing tomorrow has been changed from 9:00 to 1:00. Discussion on JD#15.

Hammer – I have the report on all of the ditches completed. Jorgensen – Hammer has done a great job on this.

Fenske – I received a letter from the Cottonwood River Basin Association asking for financial support for the fight against the Corps. They are accusing the City of using political pressure to get the flood project through. Goodenow – We could respond by telling them that we do support flood control and we are taking a look at their list of projects. Jorgensen – They sent me a study that involves a number of retention structures. I turned it over to the highway department. Johnson – Netzke from Area II has also looked it over. Most of the projects are very costly and complicated. Discussion.

Goodenow – Hammer, what is your opinion on watershed districts? I have had a farmer tell me to leave the ditches with the county. Hammer – I have never looked at the watershed board statutes for ditches. Buysse – They generally deal with culvert size and how big the bridges can be. They also discuss private ditches within the watershed. Goodenow – They don't do anything with County ditches? Buysse – They will with the new ones. Goodenow – Do we want to keep the old ditches? Buysse – It depends on who you talk to. Hammer – At this point in time, I would recommend keeping the ditches under county control. Jorgensen – The watershed district boards are initially appointed by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The Cottonwood River Basin is looking at forming so they have more control. I told them I thought that was a little short sided and explained that there are many more reasons for watershed districts. In some senses a watershed district makes good sense. Discussion on how the board gets appointed. Buysse – You have to ask who would be more responsive to the people along the river. Discussion.

Road and Bridge Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve the road and bridge vouchers. Jorgensen – Gas from the Russell Mini-Mart? Johnson – If the tank goes dry on the weekend, they use gas stations. Thomasson – We don't have gas at the other shops, just diesel. All voted in favor.

Johnson – Need to discuss the Alcohol/Drug Related Policy. Jorgensen – As Maes went through it, he saw a way to make it a more all-encompassing policy. Buysse – This is a countywide policy. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Goodenow to adopt the Alcohol/Drug Related Driving Offenses Policy. Fenske – This outlines how someone can keep or lose their job. All voted in favor.

Johnson – Jorgensen has received a signed copy of the salt shed agreement. We have paid our portion. We will supply seventeen percent of the salt and sand in the beginning. After that, we supply what we take out. Thomasson – I still buy sand and salt as I used to. Goodenow – Now you have to keep track of what is going in and out. Fenske – Is the City of Marshall going to use it? Johnson – Yes. Goodenow – Who maintains it? Jorgensen – The State will maintain and repair the salt shed, including the utilities. Fenske – Will you have access whenever you want? Thomasson – Yes. We have been sharing a shed in Tracy and have had no problems. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve signing the Salt Shed Agreement with the State of Minnesota. All voted in favor.

Johnson – I have talked with the State and the plans are approved and ready for the letting of CR#33. We will need to set a letting date. Goodenow – Does it specify that they must wait until spring to start? Johnson – I think it says within eight days after contract is awarded, but I will have the special provisions changed so they can not start until spring. Fenske – We will set the letting date for the CR#33 project for November 7. Discussion on detour and completion time.

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Fenske – I received a letter from AMC asking what funds we got and what we used them for. Johnson – I got the same letter and I have already filled it out and sent it back.

Jorgensen – I attended a meeting regarding insurance renewal. For 2001, our health insurance rates will increase zero percent. The pool we are involved in had an average increase of ten percent overall. Lyon County had a good last couple years. The MCIT insurance pool went up fifteen percent. Some of the ones in our pool had a twenty to twenty-five percent increase. Contracts were bid out again, and I believe that helped. Discussion. I recommend approving the health insurance rates for 2001 continuing with the current contract. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the health insurance contract with a 0 percent increase in rates. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – The insurance committee has been looking at contracts, benefits, and cafeteria plans. They recommend leaving everything as is for 2001 and they'll continue to look at things for 2002. Goodenow moved, seconded by Fenske to keep the employee benefit package the same based on the Employee Insurance Committee recommendation. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – In the past, the board allowed an individual from the Hockey Association to be included on the County Health Insurance. That employee has since left and they have hired someone new. This is a little different situation. The individual is a businessperson in town who is taking this on as a second job. The last employee also worked for the County part-time, this one probably would not be able to. If Blue Cross looked at it close, they could deny him. Goodenow – What is your recommendation? Jorgensen – It does not cost us anything. We charge a one percent administrative fee. Goodenow – I hate to deny them since we did it for them previously. Buysse – This is a little different though, the last employee worked for Lyon County also and this one will not. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to allow the Hockey Association employee to be included on Lyon County's insurance with a one percent administrative cost being added to the premium, all of which will be paid to Lyon County by the Hockey Association. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – I have a request for Family Medical Leave from an employee. She would like to take six full weeks off then twelve weeks of half days. The Family Medical Leave act allows twelve full weeks off and that is what she would be taking. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve Bonnie Haroldson's request for Family Medical Leave. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – The Church of St. Clotilde has requested that a small portion of County Road #67 be closed on September 24th. It would be between the two driveways North of the Church. I talked with the Highway Department and they would get the barricades out there for them and someone would have to return them. Goodenow moved, seconded by Fenske to approve closing a small portion of CR#67 on September 24th by the St. Clotilde Catholic Church. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – The Resurrection Church Choir from Holy Redeemer has requested a waiver of fairground rental fees for a picnic on September 24th. They would use the VFW and the bathrooms, which would be a waiver of \$125. They would still be responsible for the damage deposit. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve waiving the fairgrounds rental fees for the Resurrection Church Choir from Holy Redeemer. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – I received a call from the Holy Redeemer Ladies Auxiliary about the food booth at the fairgrounds. They have to update the wiring and they would like to move it and build new. They asked if Lyon County could do it. I told them we could make sure there would be a spot for them to build. I talked with Rick Anderson and he has a couple ideas where it could go. Goodenow – Do we give them the space and let them build their own building? Jorgensen – I think we do that with the understanding that the building is Lyon County's when done. Lyon County will provide the land and anything like pipes or wiring that needs to get to the building. If Lyon County owns it, it can be covered under our insurance. Vandelanotte – Is there a timetable on when the wiring needs to be done? Jorgensen – Next year by fair time. Goodenow moved, Vandelanotte seconded motion to provide space and encourage rebuilding or remodeling of the Holy Redeemer Food Booth possibly providing some in-kind contribution. All voted in favor.

Dean Champine met with the board to discuss an abatement. Champine – Normally the board policy has been after May 15th taxes there are no abatements. This has to do with a property at 420 Legion Field Road. The previous owner purchased a new home in late 1998 at 504 Parkside. They had applied for homestead at 420 Legion Field Road and when they bought the new property, they applied for homestead on that particular property. When we did our Social Security Number match, we found two properties in the same SS# which you can not have, so we contacted the City. The current owner of 420 Legion Field did not move in until after the first two tax notices had gone out. He said he did not really pay attention to the tax statement because it is escrowed. He noticed after May 15th that it was not homesteaded. He had gone to the city when he bought the property to apply for homestead and they should have referred him to my office, which they did not. The previous owner who moved into 504 Parkside should have had to make a mid-year application for homestead and the homestead should have stayed at 420 Legion Field Road and it did not. It is past May 15th and technically an abatement is not granted, but I felt there were extenuating circumstances here. Fenske – At first I thought we should not give it to him, but it is not his fault that the City made a mistake. Even though he did not pay attention to his tax statement, he did not live there when

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the first two notices went out and I think he would have noticed. Champine – Mistakes were made and with these circumstances I did not feel I could just deny it up front. This is for payable 2000 and the abatement request was made on August 11th. Vandelanotte – What does it amount to? Champine – Under non homestead the tax is \$1780.00 and homesteaded it is \$1,228.00. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to approve an abatement on property located at 420 Legion Field Road for 1999 assessment payable 2000 taxes. Goodenow – Does he get a cash refund? Champine – It will be credited to second half taxes. All voted in favor.

Meeting Recessed.
Back to Order.

General Revenue Vouchers were presented. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the general revenue vouchers. Discussion. All voted in favor.

General Revenue Fund	\$72,071.47
Road and Bridge Fund	\$88,658.29
Landfill Spec. Rev. Funds	\$33,215.02
Water Projects – Spec. Rev.	\$261.00
Ditch Fund	\$6,641.50
Total	\$200,847.28

Beginning Warrant Number: 330813; Ending Warrant Number: 330953.

Jorgensen – We received three applications for the Countywide Projects Fund for 2000.

Maes present at 10:50.

Jorgensen – The requests are from Rock Lake Township to bring their township hall entrance to ADA compliance, the City of Tracy for the Prairie Pavilion, the City of Russell for the Clear Lake Picnic and Shelter Area. There is \$10,000 in the fund and there is a required 1:1 match. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Vandelanotte to fund Rock Lake Township \$1,500 for the ADA entrance to the township hall, the City of Tracy \$5,000 for the Prairie Pavilion, and the City of Russell \$3,500 for the Clear Lake Picnic and Shelter Area. Buysse – A year from now, we will know what happened? Jorgensen – I will make arrangements to have ninety percent paid out and the final ten percent near completion. Buysse – Someone is going to check to see if the project was done? Goodenow – We could include it on our road tour. All voted in favor.

Jorgensen – Stokke has been talking with the Chief of Police, Law Enforcement and Audrey Koopman from Tracy about possible police protection. Tracy is requesting 140 hours per week, which is equivalent to 3.7 full time employees. The proposal we have requests \$26.44 per hour. Before the Tracy City Council Meeting, Stokke and I met with Koopman and others to discuss the proposal. The Council would like to see the same per hour cost as Russell and Lynd, which is \$24.03 per hour. Koopman – When we met before the Council Meeting, we had agreed to a compromise of \$25.00 per hour. However, the Council rejected this and wants to be treated the same. The City Council would not have objected to \$26.44 per hour if all the other cities were paying it. Fenske – What is causing the difference? Jorgensen – I think Stokke has built more flexibility into the deputies in Cottonwood, Russell and Lynd. They are assigned to those communities, but if they are needed elsewhere, they are gone. Goodenow – Are we negotiating new contracts with each city? Jorgensen – I am not sure how Stokke does that, but I believe he is working with Cottonwood now. Fenske – Would the Tracy officer be assigned exclusively to Tracy? Koopman – My understanding is that it would be the same as we have now. Our police department right now responds to emergencies outside of Tracy. Jorgensen – We will have issues with the Union. There are some things to work out, but I think they are workable. Goodenow – We need to explain why we are charging \$2.00 more an hour. Koopman – We have to look at long range and there is a shortage of officers. Jorgensen – There are less people going into law enforcement. Fenske – The two that you have now, would they want to be employed by Lyon County? Koopman – Yes. Fenske – Your Chief may take a pay cut. Koopman – Stokke has indicated that a supervisor would be needed and he could fill that capacity. Your mid point for deputy salaries is not too much lower than his salary. Goodenow – Advertisement would have to be opened up. Koopman – We would require a ten minute response time. I don't argue with the figures, but we should all get treated the same. Goodenow – Other issues are cars and equipment. Koopman – Since you bought the equipment from Russell, the City Council believes you should purchase from Tracy. They just want to be treated the same. Jorgensen – Ten years ago when Lyon County contracted with Cottonwood, they donated their squad, it has since been replace by us. Stokke and I thought if Tracy provided two sets and the County provided two sets, that would be fair. Goodenow – I could see that, if we charged the same as the other cities. (Stokke present) Stokke – Tracy is a little different than the other cities. I can pull their person for a transport and they could be gone for a long period of time. Tracy wants someone there all the time and I can't pull the Tracy person. Goodenow – With three deputies, only one is on duty? Stokke – Yes. In Lynd/Russell we don't have to have someone there all the time. It would be hard to leave Tracy without an officer. Koopman – You do provide twenty hours for Russell/Lynd? Stokke – Not necessarily in one week. We may give thirty hours one week and ten the next. We do not keep track. I am sure they end up getting more than the twenty. Koopman – We would want to have the hours tracked. Fenske – This appears to be the difference. Goodenow – Are you negotiating with Cottonwood right now? Stokke – A three percent increase is built in every year.

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Jorgensen – Tracy is short handed and has been for a while. They are looking for an answer. The numbers are easy, but for the operational side, we don't really know for sure. Discussion. Fenske – The big difference is that Tracy wants an officer there all the time, which we all understand. In the other cities, however, the officer may be gone for hours at a time. Goodenow – I thought \$25 was a good compromise and we could wait until the next fiscal year to purchase the vehicles from Tracy. Fenske – I guess it needs to be made very clear to the council that there is a difference. Koopman – If we agreed with \$26.44, would we have a guaranteed officer available 24 hours per day? Goodenow – For the 140 hours in the contract which is pretty much 24 hours per day. Stokke – We would always have someone there and we would probably end up being there more than 140 hours. Koopman – Equipment? Goodenow – We would want to own the equipment. Stokke – We could lease our own and Tracy could sell theirs outright. Fenske – I don't think it would be so easy to sell the vehicles equipped. Right now, we do not have the three and a half men. Stokke – We would not be able to start right away. Koopman – The City Council meets on the eleventh. If I am understanding this, your consensus is that the service would be provided for \$26.44 per hour with someone being available all the time and Lyon County would purchase the equipment? Fenske – Yes, that is the consensus.

Discuss formation of a watershed district. Ed Zimmerman, Cottonwood River Association, handed out a copy of a study for retention sites on the Redwood River. Zimmerman – Jorgensen has had this study for 5 to 6 weeks. Jorgensen – Road and Bridge is reviewing it. Zimmerman – This work began because of the flood water impacts and concern with the existing flood control project. Lyon County has taken on the burden of water resource management. Ditches could be managed by a watershed district. We have met with many people including BWSR, Board of Natural Resources, Mr. Jorgensen and many more. Discrepancies between urban and rural water concerns have plagued this board in the past. Meadow Creek has water problems of their own and we have met with people on the upper Redwood. The recommendation for your review is that there be a watershed district for the upper Redwood and Meadow Creek. We have included two draft petitions. I emphasize draft. There is a list of objectives. We feel that it is possible to save taxes with watershed districts. Fenske – Are you looking at the combination of the lower Redwood and Meadow Creek? Zimmerman – The Upper Redwood and Meadow Creek as one and the Lower Redwood as another. Fenske – BWSR has said this is okay? Zimmerman – Yes. DeLanghe – This is preliminary. We are asking BWSR for their input. DeLanghe – We are looking for negative as well as positive comments. Fenske – Right now we levy money for taxes for flood control every year. Would the watershed district do this then? Zimmerman – That would be something I would have to talk to Jorgensen about. One thing a watershed district can do is be a source for corps funding. Discussion. I would recommend you apply for the Corps Small Retention Projects Funding and try to get one structure done yet this fall. Goodenow – One question is whether the farmers want to give up their control. DeLanghe – How much control do they have now? Goodenow – They can request repairs etc. now. Would the ditches be managed the same? Would you take on the old ditches? I will be waiting to see what the farmers have to say. Zimmerman – It would be in the best interest to keep the control with the farmers. Goodenow – Do the watersheds follow the same rules as the county? Jorgensen – Yes, 103E. Fenske – We don't have anything against this formation. I think we just need more information. Is there anything else you want us to consider now? DeLanghe – Just consider the application to request funds from the Corps. Zimmerman – We also ask that you seriously consider looking into getting one of the retention projects we have suggested finished this fall. If you need more information from the Corps or BWSR, let us know. Tom Behm is also ready to extend his expertise. Buysse – In years past, the landowners were not willing to give up their land. One thing that would help would be to get the silt out of the rivers. DeLanghe – That is true, but you also need to stop the silt from running into the rivers. Fenske – Where do you propose we go from here? Zimmerman – We need to get a formal petition together and we should be ready in about a month. DeLanghe – One gentleman mentioned that we were hard on CREP. We are not against CREP, but it does nothing for bank erosion. Discussion. Fenske thanked them for coming.

John Bower, MCIT, met with the board to discuss the annual risk management report. Bower explained that this is the 20th year of the pooling business and about the governing board of organization. He discussed the following statistics:

<u>MCIT</u>	<u>LYON COUNTY</u>
81 Counties	member in 1980
28,000 employees	130 FT/PT Employees
1.3 billion in property/casualty	19,967,451 in property/casualty
8,000 vehicles	72 vehicles

Discussion on evolving coverage's and that there is no longer separate policies for boilers and equipment. Bower – All county buildings are covered automatically, they no longer have to be listed separately. 15.5 million will be paid back to members as dividends. Also, rates have been going down since 1997. Lyon County's dividend this year will be \$145,368. It is broken down as follows:

<u>Contributions</u>		<u>Dividends</u>
\$97,327	Worker's Comp	\$58,223
\$102,364	Property/Casualty	\$87,145
\$199,691	Total	\$145,368

Discussion on services provided by MCIT and educational resources. Fenske – Dividends paid out, are they on a flat rate for everyone? Bower – They are directly proportionate to the loss ratio. Keep up the good work. Fenske thanked Bower for coming.

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Landfill Vouchers were presented. Discussion. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Buysse to approve the landfill vouchers. All voted in favor.

Open bids for recycling contract. They are as follows:

Curry Sanitation	\$2.25 per housing unit
Waste Connections	\$2.95 per housing unit

Fenske – Is this excluding Balaton and Minneota? Henriksen – No, this includes the entire county. I will take a look at these and have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Henriksen – I have the contract documents for Duinick Brothers and a notice to proceed. This is for the landfill project. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve signing the contracts with Duinick Brothers and the notice to proceed for the landfill project. All voted in favor.

Henriksen – I have the Joint Powers here with the State of Minnesota for the Department of Ag Pesticide Program. It is the same program as last year. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Fenske to approve the Joint Powers with the State for the Dept. of Ag Pesticide Program. All voted in favor.

Henriksen – RCRCRA has applied for money for the Cottonwood Restoration Project. Part of that money can be used for low interest loans for cleaning up septic systems within Lyon County and the Cottonwood River Basin. There are some South and East of Tracy. The MPCA has two percent interest on it and the counties have typically been adding 1.5 percent. This is assessed on taxes like rural water. Lyon County could actually get \$62,000. This would not be for new systems just old systems that need upgrading. We would need to get a bond opinion from the bond council which costs about \$1,500 and sign an agreement. Cottonwood County said they would try to work a deal to get us a lower cost for the bond opinion. The owner of the septic system submits bills to the county. The county then would turn them over to MPCA, which pays them. There would be some work for the Auditor's Office. We could set up an application and most counties are charging an application fee. Vandelanotte – I think it sounds like a very good program. Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Buysse to approve going ahead with the upgrade for septic systems program. All voted in favor.

Maes – We need to discuss the MPCA stipulation agreement so I would recommend we close the meeting.

Vandelanotte moved, seconded by Goodenow to close the meeting under M.S. 471.705,subd. 1d(e)). All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to open the meeting. All voted in favor.

Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to authorize the board chair to sign the Stipulation Agreement with the MPCA upon the resolution of outstanding issues with the EPA (approval of the work plan and rescinding the compliance order) and changing the typo on page 9, asking the Lyon County Administrators to proceed as if the stipulation had been signed. All voted in favor.

Maes – Update on tax appeal. The September 21 date is still out there. That may be the pre-trial date. The city of Marshall is looking at the appraisal being done by Mike Amo. They also believe a tax expert attorney should be involved with the case. If an outside attorney is wanted, I would recommend Gerald Van Korff. He believes it would cost less than \$4,000. Goodenow – Aren't we waiting for another case to be heard? Maes – It has been heard, but there has been no decision yet. Fenske – Is the City going to participate in the cost of hiring an attorney? Jorgensen – I know it has been discussed with Byrnes, but how much and who pays what has not been discussed. Goodenow – Who pays for the appraiser? Jorgensen – Never been discussed. Maes – I understood that they City had agreed to hire Amo so he is hired in case no extension is granted. Discussion. Fenske – How many dollars are we talking? Jorgensen – From the City's aspect, it has a huge impact on other commercial property. Within the County as a whole, I am not sure there is any comparable property. Discussion on who pays what. Maes – The impression I got was that the City would like a 50:50 split. I agree we should get the outside attorney from Ricke-Noonan and pay 50:50. Goodenow – We could pay for the attorney and the City could pay for the appraiser. Jorgensen – We don't need to decide on payment today. Maes – Jorgensen could talk to Mike Johnson and I will continue to talk to Van Korff. Discussion.

Maes – The tape recording machine that I had brought up before – I would recommend approving the mono-system. This would speed up the process of making copies of tapes. This is the same type of machine that the BCA uses. It would be put in the LEC in a general place for all to use. It costs \$1040.00. Discussion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to purchase a mono-system tape recording machine for \$1040.00 using Criminal Justice Aid funds. All voted in favor.

Maes – I had also mentioned a digital camera for the school officer. The price depends on the quality and options of the machine. A Sony is around \$700. Goodenow – Is that a video and a camera? Maes – At that price, it can do both. I do think one that takes only pictures would be enough. Jorgensen – You can get a very good digital camera for a few hundred dollars. Maes – I know the officer wants one that puts the pictures on disk because that would be consistent with the rest. I will look into it a little further and bring a price back to you at the next meeting.

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Jorgensen – Linda Pesch from Tomorrow’s Leaders Today would like to display a mural in the lobby that at risk youth have done. I told her I would check with you to make sure it was all right. Everyone agreed it was okay.

Jorgensen – I talked to Cal Barnett about the housing study. He would like to know if we are interested. It may include Cottonwood and Minneota. Goodenow – Cost? Jorgensen – He has not given me any amount, I will ask him. Goodenow – If we had an idea of the cost, we could write to the other cities and let them know the cost asking them if they would like to participate. Discussion.

Jorgensen – Would you like the consultant to come and talk about the compensation study? Goodenow – Yes. Fenske – I would like to discuss some of the particulars.

Jorgensen – Need to certify the preliminary tax levy. Does the board want to set a not to exceed limit today? There is still work to be done, but this will set the not to exceed limit. It is at a 5.36 percent increase. This is what would go on the Truth-in-Taxation Statements. Buysse moved, seconded by Fenske to set the preliminary levy not to exceed \$6,676,177.00, which is a 5.36 percent increase. All voted in favor.

Per diems were presented. Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve per diems for Gladis (\$155), Goodenow (\$80), and Vandelanotte (\$80). All voted in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

Goodenow – Gladis and I met with the City about the Historical Society.

Fenske – I received a letter from the State Auditor’s Office stating that there will be a four percent increase per year for the next two years for the audit.

Fenske – The Annual Landfill Meeting and open house are on Wednesday, September 13.

Fenske – The SWMN Ridge Counties task force is changing its focus to the energy task force. They are going to be dealing with more than wind power, they are also going to deal with the possibility of utility deregulation. They are going to want money for us to be included in this. Vandelanotte – I think we should be involved. Goodenow – I know Gladis thinks it is a good idea and so do I.

Buysse moved, seconded by Fenske to advertise to fill the open position on the Yellow Medicine River Watershed Board. All voted in favor.

Buysse moved, Goodenow seconded motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert Fenske, Chairman

Attest:

Mark R. Jorgensen
Lyon County Administrator