

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 19, 2012

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Report of Board Meeting held May 15, 2012

Next Scheduled Meeting is July 17, 2012

Board Members Present

William Norris, Chair	Dennis Sazama, Supervisor	John A. Krueger, Supervisor
Carol Nelson, Clerk		Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Darrell Nordick	Bill Putnam	Allan Dammann	Ralph Logan
Odell Nelson	Doug Ackling	Dave Heyer, Engineer	Pete Caron
Torey Sonnenberg	Curt Osterfield	Kris Svingen, Attorney	David Squires

Terry Marthaler

1. Norris - Opened this Edna Township Board meeting with pledge at 8 p.m.
2. Agenda - Add Opening of Bids to #4 Roads, correct Sonnenberg Road Maintenance claim to \$1785.00 instead of \$892.50. Krueger made the Motion to approve the agenda including the above addition & correction. 2nd by Norris. Approved 2/0

3. Gopher bounty = no requests

4. Road repair -

A. riprap work was done on South Little McDonald Drive. Looks good now, more work to be done in the future.

Most roads look good. Some roads do need gravel pretty bad. Sonnenberg's have a list of roads needing gravel. For example Lake Marion road and 355th St. Norris will check that.

B. Quote opening - Design is to widen roads 4 feet on each side, place shoulders with 3-1 slope on wetland side, 4-1 slope on developed sides of the roads. Quotes are for East [½ mile], North & West Little McDonald Drives. Purpose is to make the roads safe for travel. Received 2 quotes

<u>North Central</u>	&	<u>Ackling Construction</u>
\$99,963.50		\$98,270.00

With these quotes, Edna Twp. can talk with FEMA & show what we have available, to create safe roads.

These roads are not going to be hard surfaced at this time.

Edna Twp. does have the money, and wishes to do what is right for the township. Heyer has been in touch with OTC to set up permits. Cannot go ahead with accepting a quote until FEMA gives the go ahead. Currently the slope on the wetland side is probably 2-1. Since the bids are high, some adjustments may need to be made.

If Edna does not use FEMA money, on FEMA terms, the money must be returned to FEMA. FEMA plans involve fixing roads temporarily & then returning roads to original state. Edna Twp. wants to keep the FEMA money plus keep the dirt. Discussion: Residents on East Little McDonald Drive have concerns about the amount of mud deposited as they drive into their driveways & garages. If Edna Twp. had the added material mixture removed now, parts of the road would be under water. Right now, the shoulders of East Little McDonald Drive are unsafe. If all the added material was removed, the water would be over the asphalt. 3" of rain would be a disaster. At the curve, between the 2 sloughs, the water would be over the road. New class 5 will take care of some of the mud concerns.

[On May 27, 2012 that road received over 4" of rain.]

A resident suggests having a timeline established & available, especially by 7-4-2012, a holiday week, as to when and what road work will be done. Engineer Dave Heyer can make some assumptions as to where the water is in relation to the road. Edna Twp. cannot move towards accepting either of the two quotes until FEMA gives written approval.

Dennis Sazama arrived at 8:45. Work kept him late.

Legally, Edna Twp. can hold quotes for 30 days, can change amounts of work & modify job description.

C. Devil's Lake Road needs to be made wider. Edna Township is limited to developing only the width of the existing road, that they have maintained in the past. Easements from landowners are needed. Devil's Lake Road residents submitted their petition for Edna to take over the road, on April 27, 2011, at a special meeting. Heyer can go ahead and design the road once the easements have been granted. Sazama made the motion asking Engineer Heyer to create a list of each step required to get Devil's Lake Road in order. Norris 2nd.

Discussion:

Krueger wants to know if Edna budgets for the engineer & his work. These claims are paid out of Roads & Bridges funds but a separate dollar amount has not been designated specifically for an engineer.

Motion approved 3/0.

5. Clerk's Report No corrections or additions were made.

Mr. Buehler was asked if he would be interested in taking on the historian position for Edna Twp. He is not interested.

Krueger made motion to approve the report, Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

6. Treasurer Report

A deposit of \$152,659.41 came in from FEMA. April claims totaled \$6,490.03

Total receipts = \$179,996.66 year to date, expenditures \$30,136.95. Do expect \$100,000+ I June receipts from OTC. property taxes.

Sazama made motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Krueger by 2nd. Approved 3/0.

7. Approve claims -

Discussion by Supervisors - Loan is at 6%, payoff is \$19,075.04. Would it be best to pay off this loan & if in a jam, borrow again? Motion made by Sazama to pay off the loan, 2nd Krueger. Approved 3/0.

Krueger motion to pay claims with correction of Sonnenberg's claim and the addition of the loan pay off. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

8 Public comments - Most concerns had already been addressed in discussion of road repairs necessary.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Krueger made motion to approve the reestablishment of the Edna Township designated polling place as required through Minnesota's redistricting process. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

B. Bank signature card - Signed by 4 officers of Edna Twp.

C. Summer short courses in Fergus Falls - Krueger, Nelson, & Norris, will attend.

D. Website - is current

10. New Business -

Received two quotes for mowing ditches from Steve Ehnert & Dustin Dahring

Krueger made motion to accept the Dahring bid, which was lower in cost. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

11. Administrative business - Road supervisor = Sazama is interested in becoming more involved with road repairs. .

Could Edna Township designate specific roads to each supervisor? No decision was made.

12. Closed the meeting at 9:48 for the purpose of discussing the lawsuit filed against Edna Township.

This discussion comes under attorney client privilege.

13. At 10:10 reopened meeting & adjourned. Krueger made the motion to adjourn, Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total
North Central Inc	48 yards crushed gravel	2380	\$405.60
Ackling Truck	Construction & road labor	2381	\$840.00

Heyer Land Surveying & Engineering	Field work & research on speed zones	2382	\$3,650.00
Sonnenberg Excavating	Skidsteer & dump truck use	2383	\$1,785.00
Sonnenberg Road Maintenance	grading gravel roads	2384	\$2,964.50
Carol Nelson	Salary & meeting	2385	\$247.91
Karen Marthaler	Salary & meetings	2386	\$224.52
United Community Bank	Loan Pay Off	2388	\$19,075.04
<u>MN Association of Township</u>	<u>education for board officers</u>	<u>2389</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total For Selected Claims			\$29,342.57

MINUTES FROM CLOSED SECTION OF Edna Township Board Meeting.

Attorney Svingen present the following;

Good news - based on the information presented to Edna Township's & MAT attorney, MATIT will pay most of the costs of the lawsuit, including attorney's fees for the Riley's.

Inverse condemnation - insurance will cover most of the costs \$51,000.

Mediation is set for June 12, insurance costs & culvert easement are to be paid by Edna township \$3000/easement & \$17000 attorney fee's

Give Kris the authority to settle Edna's portion of the claim

Sazama made motion to authorize Svingen to negotiation for those costs [\$3000] on behalf of Edna Township. Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0.

Norris requested MATIT give a payment to both Stark & Willenbring for assistance in paying their damage. Svingen will encourage MAT to settle this.