

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**JULY 19, 2011**

REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Board Present

James Nigg, Chair William Norris, Supervisor Dennis Sazama, Supervisor
Carol Nelson, Clerk Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Connie Sanders Lyle Smith John Williamson Torey Sonnenberg
Ray Sazama Nikki Losee Richard Meyers Don N. Schroeder
Doug Ackling Linda Nigg Dave Heyer Rick Birkeland
Odell Nelson Lance Schultz

1. Jim Nigg called the meeting to order at 8 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda – Sazama made the motion to approve, 2nd Norris. Motion approved 3/0
3. Gopher bounty Requests for payment? none
4. Road maintenance concerns at this time? none
5. 2011-2012 Road Maintenance agreement
3 QUOTES have been submitted
 - a. Ray Sazama - wage = \$71.50/hour for grading, \$80/hour for snow plowing and sanding, single or tandem axle trucks with fuel costs set at \$3.55 gallon. The fuel surcharge is \$0.07 cents per gallon up to \$0.50/hour. 7 pieces of equipment were listed & described.
 - b. Sonnenberg Road Maintenance - wage = \$69.50/hour for grading, plowing, sanding if fuel costs are \$2.68 a gallon. Add or subtract \$0.50 per hour for each \$0.07 per gallon increase or decrease from the \$2.68 price. Equipment- 6 pieces of equipment were listed & described.
 - c. Dan Olefke requests hourly wage of \$92/hour if fuel costs \$3.00 gallon, \$100/hour if fuel costs are \$3.00/gallon. Fuel clause includes a raise of \$1.00 for every \$0.10/gallon. Hours are charged from when I leave my house until when I return home.
Norris made motion to accept Sonnenberg's quote. 2nd Sazama. Discussion; Norris "We have had a good working relationship with Sonnenbergs. Edna Twp. prefers accepting the lowest quote. Board reviews of Sonnenberg's work have been done & all were favorable. Sonnenberg makes a call to let Edna Supervisors know when snow plows are going out. This way, concerned residents could call a Supervisor to find out when their roads would be plowed. Vote was called for, motion approved 3/0.
Resident question- Fuel costs do raise the lowest hourly rate. Did the Board calculate in the hourly rate plus the possible increases in fuel charges?
A. This was done quickly by the Board. Sonnenberg's rate was still the lowest.
Plus, Sonnenberg's quote for 2011-2012 is lower this year than the 2010-2011 quote.
6. Clerk's report - Additions/corrections
Norris moved to accept clerk's report of May 17, 2011 as accurate. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0
7. Treasurer's Report
May 31, 2011 cash balance was \$7,896.91
Received OTC Tax Payment of \$116,922.40 in June.
Sazama moved to accept, Nigg 2nd Approved 3/0
8. Road Concerns
 - a. Wolf Lake Road Mr. Meyer - venting east & west wolf lake road. Plan to move water from W. Wolf across Meyer's property into a slough. An Engineering firm & the DNR have been notified. Now, Edna is waiting to get the ordinary high water report on Wolf Lake from the DNR. Would like to lower the water level from both E. & W. Wolf Lake. This will be a controlled drain. DNR will be bringing in experts from St Paul. The slough's water level is high also. All state people have been very helpful both the DNR and Kyle Westergard of Land & Resource Mgmt. Edna Twp is very interested in knowing what is going on & hopes to keep Wolf Lake Road in good shape. Engineering costs are forecast as \$15,000/engineering study. Meyer would need to do the leg work in order to lower these costs. Road has been repaired multiple times, most recently by Don Schroeder at a cost of \$9,650.
 - b. North Little McDonald Drive is a huge concern. There is water over the road in two places. If water is still there at freeze up, roads will be damaged hugely. North Little McDonald Drive boat access has had a berm added & has been pumped down. A DNR permit was secured and is on file. Residents on that road were very active in renting a pump & doing the work.
 - c. Big McDonald Lane - needs some help on the berm. Currently, the berm is holding.

d. Devil's Lake Road –has again had more fill added.

Heyer's report for Devil's Lake Road; we have done a survey of each property owner. The road is over the corridor in 3 places, from 5 - 10 feet. Does not recommend Edna's board go into building mode. Just try to keep the road above water. The road stakes indicate the points of the road corridor.

Audience Concerns: One resident would like to have an estate sale at a location on Devil's Lake road.

Response: Supervisors would prefer a sale not happen at this location. Edna Twp. cannot work on the road until the water level drops. Edna Twp must maintain the road at the current width due to maintenance by use rules. If there is to be any road improvement, it will come in as a specific petition from land owners. Township cannot widen the road beyond the current 18 feet w/o petition. Attorney Svingen put forth the options at the May meeting.

Board Question-do Devil's lake residents want their road closed? Clay County shuts their roads down when they have no money. Residents of Devil's Lake Road responded, "No, we want the road kept open".

Board commends all road residents for working together

Edna Twp. has suggested to OTC Commissioners, that the basin lakes be lowered 19 inches before freeze up. Could Devil's lake road become a one-way road? At this time, people already need to take turns when meeting another car. Plus, there is one stretch of road that drivers do use excess speed.

A corridor is a description on deeds, and gives residents the right to use the road. If Edna repairs the road outside of this corridor, they are trespassing.

Question; How about a new stop sign at the intersection of Jackim Road & 395th Avenue? Need one with more reflectivity.

e. A FEMA meeting is scheduled.. There will be discussion/work only on road infrastructure at this meeting. FEMA usually works with river flooding where the water goes down. Lakes are looking at remediation, where they try to change the water level.

f. 430th Street/Polish 10 has water over the road. The ditch at the low spot is being used as a mud run. Gary Schotschneider owns the land on the north side of the road. A knob on top of a hill results in snow build up during the winter. This is not a heavy traffic road and future corrections could be made to correct the water and snow problems.

9. Other

a. Summer short courses are in Fergus on June 27. Nelson, Nigg, Norris are registered to attend.

b. Norris moved to approve Barry's Excavating do the septic building/repair requests, including running a wire underground to make finding the pipe location easier. 2nd by Nigg. Motion approved.

New septic system will be constructed at 44454 West Little McDonald Drive & 35198 Big McDonald Lane.

Resolution signed by Chairman Nigg. Copies are to be sent to Barry's Excavating.

10. Claims Norris moved to pay, Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0

Thank you to Don Schroeder for prompt work on the Wolf Lake Road.

Sazama moved to adjourn, Norris 2nd. 3/0

Adjourned at 9:05.

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