

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JULY 17, 2012

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Report of Board Meeting held June 19, 2012

Next Scheduled Meeting is August 21, 2012

Board Members Present

William Norris, Chair
Carol Nelson, Clerk

John A. Krueger, Supervisor
Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Darrell Nordick	Rosette Nordick	Neil Myhre	Carol Myhre
Odell Nelson	Doug Ackling	Lyle Smith	Pete Caron
Torey Sonnenberg	R. Arntson	Ted Zitzow	Dave Heyer, Engineer
Terry Marthaler			

Chairman Norris opened the meeting at 8p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Introduction of the Board, reminder to please sign the roster.
2. Agenda - Motion to approve made by Krueger & 2nd by Norris. Agenda was approved 2/0
3. Gopher Bounty None
4. Road Report

A. Sonnenberg’s will do blade work when the rain stops. All gravel roads are very rough.

B. FEMA Declarations and restrictions are in writing and Chairman Norris has them. 9 area roads need major work, FEMA has already paid for 7 projects.. Projects include; West Paul Lake Drive to replace culvert, Polish road 10 - may need a culvert, seems to be holding now, was raised. FEMA has paid to install 18” x 36’ culvert South Paul lake road, wood duck loop, FEMA has paid for bringing West, East, and North Little McDonald Drive to a safe standard. Gravel drops & riprap are needed, in multiple locations.

Work will be done ASAP. Norris will check with Otter Tail County Highway Department.

Are there any other road construction companies paving in this area?

Chairman Norris is asking for a motion to move forward on this work, and to get quotes in order to begin this work. Last month, Dennis Sazama & Bill Norris called road construction companies for quotes on a small road project. This resulted in confusion by the different companies and some changing of cost numbers after they had first been submitted.

The first quotes were \$4400 by one company and \$8000 from another company. Krueger made the motion to accept the \$4400 quote. Norris 2nd. Motion approved 2/0.

Norris wants the authority to continue to be the road supervisor, with the authority to call for immediate quotes for road work in times of emergency. He has held this position for two years.

Krueger made this motion, Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0.

If FEMA has already approved disbursed the funding, Edna Township can move forward. If the quote is within 5% of FEMA dollars, accept the quote. Krueger has never seen the

FEMA allocation until now. Krueger made the motion to get quotes for all of the FEMA required work & accept the lowest quote as long as it is within 5% of FEMA money. Norris 2nd. Motion approved. Engineer Heyer was able to give advice on FEMA instructions.

C. crack sealing 11.6 miles done in May. Did 12 miles in 2011. Edna has about 45 miles of asphalt. This schedule would crack seal every road every 4 years. This project was the rubberized sealant. Well done work.

D Devil’s Lake Road has been designated as a road closed to through traffic closed. Both Krueger & Norris inspected it again today. It does not look good. If lake rises 6” more, the water will run over the road. The water is 2.5 feet higher on the slough side. There is a 4”

culvert, non functioning. This culvert was not ever approved. It was placed without a permit. Kyle Westegaard, Land & Resource Management, would not open the culvert & would not give Norris permission to open it. The road is now functioning as a dam & will fail at the old culvert. The 2+ feet of water will drain out within hours. Krueger would like to see immediate work done on this. The recent repair and raising of this road covered over the end of the culvert. Julie Allard is the DNR water rep. Krueger made the motion to open, extend or reestablish the existing culvert. Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0. Norris will set forward on the work on this project.

E. Norris reported that Edna twp. was denied FEMA funding for additional fill on East Little McDonald. Edna Twp. will pay for that. The water is still rising. Engineer Heyer reconfigured the specs to widen E. Little McDonald Drive 4 feet only on the wetland side at a cost of \$22,000.00 Requirements include the need to add topsoil, spread an erosion blanket, seed it, and grade this addition.

North Little McDonald Drive refigured specs will widen 800 feet of that part of the road at an expected cost of \$8700 at the north access. The part of North Little McDonald Drive in front of the Bauk residents, at a distance of 2100, feet at a cost of \$9000. This would give these roads a firmer road bed.

Krueger made the motion to accept Heyer's recommendation for road repair up to a total cost of \$40,000. Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0

F. Norris will request quotes for repair of Devil's Lake Road. If the venting of Little McDonald Lake occurs, the high water on Devil's Lake will become lower also.

A resident on Big McDonald. Wants to be sure an engineer is involved in planning the correct way to do this repair work. The last repair was not satisfactory.

Krueger was requested to remove a tree on North Little McDonald drive. It crashed on to the road on a Sunday afternoon. Krueger cut up & left the wood on the vacant lot

5. Clerk's report - Krueger made motion to approve Clerk's report. Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0.

6. Treasurer's report - did receive the spring settlement payments from OTC from the levy. Current balance - \$326,855.06. Krueger made motion to approve, Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0.

7. Krueger made motion to approve claims - Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0. Claims for June \$43,500.18.

8. Stop sign needs to be replaced on Bill's Lane & Bill's Trail. Sonnenberg's will take care of that. Big McDonald has had 2 trucks slide off the soft shoulders into the slough. Safety cones have been placed as a warning.

9. Unfinished business -

A. The federally mandated time for replacing township signs has been moved to 2015 instead of 2013. Edna Twp. should go inspect all signs, check reflectivity & replace as needed. The breakaway posts need to be installed, (a 3# post). Dora did replace all their signs for \$22,000. Townships can still use the secondary post, but must replace the bottom half. The stop signs are being held up with 2 posts as they otherwise are knocked over by strong winds. Heyer will get information from OTC and find out their process for sign replacement. Edna Twp. Does need to request quotes for signs. Is there a possibility of combining our order with O.T.C. sign order with the hope of decreasing costs?

B. Hobart & Perham Townships have signed township line agreements. Heyer will get copies to Clerk Nelson.

C. There is a resource book on noxious weeds available for \$25.00. Would this be useful?

Krueger made the motion to buy the Weeds book. Norris 2nd. Approved 2/0.

D. Website - financial reports were submitted & placed on the site.

E. Computer - operating system is old on the current computer used by Clerk Nelson. Getting something up to date would be more useful. Carol Nelson will get a quote. Nordick would like a scanner. Getting the agenda on the website in advance (Friday before the meeting.) Allow up to \$800 for a laptop that meets her needs motion made by Krueger, 2nd by Norris, approved 2/0.

10 New Business has already been covered in other areas of this meeting.

11. Administrative -

Dora Twp will mow ditches on Engstrom Beach. & bill Edna Twp for half of the cost.

12. Other- Would like to have Supervisor Sazama meet with a resident who wants to raise their driveway.

13 Adjourned 9:13.

CLAIMS PAID

2390	City of Dent	Fire Protection	\$11,850.
2391	O.T.C.Treasurer	Mixed sand & salt	\$2095.44
2392	Arntson Construction	application of crack sealing	\$13,545.00
2393	Karen Marthaler	salary & meeting	\$ 224.82
2394	Carol Nelson	Salary & Meeting	\$ 253.39
2395	U. S. Post Office	postage	\$ 45.00
2396	Olson Gravel Hauling	Gravel & Class 5	\$ 2,996.53
2397	Sonnenberg Road Maint.	Grading gravel roads	\$ 2145.00
2398	Swanston Equipment	Materials for crack sealing	\$ 7,965.00
2399	Sonnenberg Excavating	Trucking & skid steer work	\$ 2,380.00
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