

## Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

Chair Jeff Johnson opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting as read. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Conflicts of Interest:** The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest from members present. None were notated.

**Ex-Parte Communications:** The Chair inquired if there have been any ex-parte communications by any member present. None were notated.

**Public Input:** The Chair opened up the meeting for public input.

**Board of Adjustment:** Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Lance Matucha to adjourn as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as a Board of Adjustment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Variance:** A variance application from Mark and Barbara Joachim to build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot 1, Wetzler 1<sup>st</sup> subdivision located in the NE ¼ SE ¼ in Section 21-96-73, Dickens Township. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the variance request. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Variance:** An application for a variance was received from Damon deWit to build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Portion of Tract 2, Stukel's 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision, West of Center Line of Buryanek Road in Section 12-99-71, Turney Township. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the variance. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and to reconvene as a Board of Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**4-H Program Report:** Ashley Meyer, Extension Office Administrative Assistant and Samantha Bull, Summer Assistant, met with the Board to report on summer activities of the Gregory County 4-H Program. Over 295 youth have received program services since April 1, 2021.

The office also requested to shift some of Rose Wolf's remaining hours (47 hours) to Samantha Bull to use for the remainder of the summer, especially during Achievement Days and pre-State Fair preparation. The Commission approves the shift as long as the overall number of hours is not exceeded.

**Termination of Stormwater Permit:** Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Termination of the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges issued to Knife River, as the work required on the Gregory County portion of the TransCanada prestaging road is complete. The form must be sent to South Dakota DENR for approval and filing. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Tire Disposal Bids:** The bids for disposal of tires and trucking of the tires taken in at the landfill was held at 10:00 a.m. as advertised. The following bid was received:

New Deal Tire -           \$220 per ton (Trucking + disposal fee)  
                                  \$220 per ton (On-site disposal fee)

Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to accept the bid of New Deal Tire. The county will be responsible for 40% of the cost of disposal, with SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources covering 60%, per a cost-share program issued through the Department. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Gregory County Conservation District Report:** Ken Steele, District Manager and David Jones and Todd Hoffman, Supervisors of the Gregory County Conservation District, met with the Commission to report on the District's 2020 activity of the entity. The Commissioners also discussed potential partnerships with the District in the future for weed spraying, etc. The two entities will communicate on said issues in the future.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jessy Biggins to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

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Jeff Johnson, Chair