

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting – City-County Relations
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Sturgeon Lake City Hall, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota

Chair Rossow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, Chief Deputy Paul Widenstrom, Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder, County Forester Greg Beck, and County Administrator David Minke.

Also present were representatives from the cities of Sturgeon Lake, Sandstone, Pine City, Hinckley, Bruno and Denham.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Motion by Commissioner Chaffee to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 5-0.

Jeremy Fauskee, Area Forester for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer and Oak Wilt. Both invasive species are expected to have an increasing impact in Pine County as they spread.

Greg Beck, Pine County Forester, reviewed county forest lands, including timber management of tax-forfeited properties.

Chief Deputy Paul Widenstrom provided an update on the county's K-9 program.

Chief Deputy Widenstrom reviewed options for animal control, noting that cities may have a dog catcher and/or kennel, but are not required to.

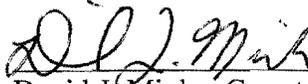
Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder reviewed the county's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program. The grant funded program includes education, inspectors at boat landings and two decontamination units.

Land Services Director Schroeder updated the county's household hazardous waste program (HHW). Starting in 2016 the county imposed an annual \$6 per improved parcel fee to fund the collection of HHW. Starting June 1, 2016 the collection site will be open at the county highway shop in Pine City. The facility will be open Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The long-range plan is to locate the site at the transfer station in Hinckley.

Chair Rossow noted that a public hearing is scheduled for May 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Pine County Courthouse to consider allowing Class1 ATVs on county roads.

With no further business, Chair Rossow adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.


Curtis H. Rossow, Chair
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David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to Pine County Board of Commissioners
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