

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
and  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**June 28, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Duquette Community Hall, 88179 State Hwy. 23, Kerrick, Minnesota**

Chair Curt Rossow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder, Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson, County Engineer Mark LeBrun, Economic Development Coordinator Robert Musgrove, and County Administrator David Minke.

Also present: Mark Wester, DNR-Moose Lake; Marty Torgerson, DNR-Moose Lake; Darin Newman, DNR-St. Paul; Ed Potter, Business & Administrative Services Section Manager-DNR; Deb Pitt, DNR Forestry-General Andrews; Rick Olseen, Congressman Richard Nolan's Office; State Senator Tony Lourey; Mark Perry, Hinckley Planner/Zoning Administrator; Ken Cammilleri, Pine City Administrator; Brian Scholin, Pine City City Council member; Neil Beise; and Henry Fischer and Traci LeBrun, media.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Rossow called for discussion with local officials/residents. There was none.

Introductions were made of all present.

1. Oberstar Segment of Munger Trail

DNR planner Darin Newman and area supervisor Marty Torgerson provided an update on the planning of the James L. Oberstar State Trail, a 19 mile segment between Chisago County and Hinckley. The development of a master plan for the trail is in the process. Late this summer/early fall a draft of the master plan will be released for a 30-day public review, and an open house meeting will be held to gather comments/suggestions. Discussion was held regarding possible location of the trail, together with funding options.

2. General Andrews Nursery

DNR Business & Administrative Services Manager Ed Potter and Forestry Program Coordinator Deb Pitt presented information on the Badoura State Forest Nursery (Akeley) and General C. C. Andrews State Forest Nursery (Willow River) sites. Pitt stated in 2011 the Legislature restricted state nurseries to sell seedlings only to government entities after 2013, however allowing them to work on tree improvement programs. The General Andrews Nursery location has been repurposed as a tree improvement center and fire training site. The County Board encouraged the Department of Natural Resources to work with legislators to reestablish General C. C. Andrews State Forest Nursery as a fully operational tree nursery. Senator Lourey stated his support. The County Board will send a letter of support.

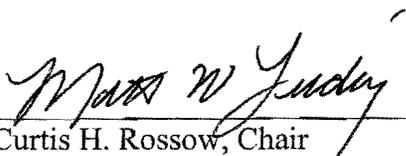
3. Comprehensive Plan Update

Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder and Land Resources Manager Caleb Anderson reviewed the draft of the Comprehensive Plan, reviewing the basic goals and recommendations regarding agriculture, economic and community development, recreation, natural resources, education and transportation and infrastructure, seeking comments. Schroeder will make the suggested revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

4. Other

- A. Rick Olseen stated officials from the Minnesota Veteran Affairs Office will be touring the Sandstone Nursing Home on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to consider using the complex as a veterans' home.
- B. Representatives of Mille Lacs County met with Commissioners Hallan and Ludwig, County Attorney Frederickson County Sheriff Nelson, and Administrator Minke on June 21, 2016. Mille Lacs County has terminated their Cooperative Agreement with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (MLBO) tribal police. Attorney Frederickson stated Pine County's Cooperative Agreement with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is a valid agreement and still in place. It was the consensus of the board to recommend the drafting/updating of the Cooperative Agreement between the county and MLBO.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

  
Curtis H. Rossow, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
Matthew W. Ludwig, Vice Chair

  
David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to County Board  
Rebecca Foss, Acting County Administrator