

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
December 20, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call. Present - 16. Excused - 5. Present: Hauser, Knops, Nawrocki, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Skogen, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Heiden, Fisher, Swoverland, Schneider, Gierke, Tatur. Excused: Boss, Svoma, Roth, Schultz, Platteter.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Willingham, District #13 Supervisor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to approve minutes of November 15, 2011. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

Soil & Water Conservation 65th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the infamous soil erosion era of the 1930's known as the "Dust Bowl Days" awakened our country to the problem of soil erosion and its negative impacts on air and water quality and soil productivity, and

WHEREAS, in 1945, a group of farmers in Rusk County formed a Grassland Committee to look at a way to address soil erosion and its effects on our resources, and

WHEREAS, this Grassland Committee held public meetings to provide information about and gather support for a Soil Conservation movement, and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1946, the Grassland Committee presented a signed petition to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors asking them to create a Soil Conservation District with the purpose of addressing these conservation concerns, and

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors did create the Soil Conservation District on November 12, 1946, and

WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation District with the revised names of Soil & Water Conservation District, Land Conservation Department, and Land & Water Conservation Department has carried out that original purpose for 65 years by assisting land users in identifying, solving, and preventing soil erosion and its negative impacts on the land they care for,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge and congratulate the land users of Rusk County for their efforts to protect the natural resources they care for, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors thanks the Soil Conservation District, Soil & Water Conservation District, Land Conservation Department, and Land & Water Conservation Department Committee members and staff for 65 years of service to the people and the resources of Rusk County.

Submitted by Land & Water Conservation Committee.

Tatur read the proclamation. Motion by Knops, second by Costello to approve. Motion to approve carried by aye vote.

Paul Carow, retiring Conservationist, announced 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house and planned events taking place at Club on 12/28/11 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

**2011 RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL REPORT**

Phil Montwill, interim Highway Commissioner, distributed and reviewed the 2011 road projects and plans for 2012. A complete copy of the report is available in the clerk's office.

**APPOINTMENT**

Land & Water Conservationist: Mike Zimmer

Motion by Skogen, second by Willingham to approve. Motion to approve carried by aye vote.

**ELECTION FOR RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER**

Chair Tatur called for nominations for Rusk County Highway Commissioner. Highway Committee recommends Phil Montwill. Chair Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Motion by Geirke, second by Heiden to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Montwill. Motion carried by aye vote. Montwill elected to Highway Commissioner.

**RUSK COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS**

RCMH & NH Board of Trustees recommend the renewal of three year terms currently held by Jim Edming, Julie Hauser and Mary Moon. Chair Tatur called for additional nominations three times. Nawrocki nominated Ed Tomasovich. Chair closed nominations. Results of paper ballot vote was Jim Edming (11), Julie Hauser (14), Ed Tomasovich (14) and Mary Moon (6). Edming, Hauser and Tomasovich were elected to three year terms on the Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Board of Trustees.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

Approval of 2012 County Health Insurance Provider and Plan Design: Cassandra Camren, Assistant Finance Director, explained policy changes. Motion by Dixon, second by Heiden to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Adopt Employment Policies and Approve New County Personnel Handbook: Denise Wetzel, Clerk, reviewed changes to handbook. Motion by Costello, second by Fisher to adopt. Motion carried by aye vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tatur reported on review of RFP's they have received for RCMH & NH. Also, CDBG will have a public hearing scheduled before January meeting on their block grant.

Wetzel reminded board members nomination papers need to be in by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk advised the LPD is having a get together for Chief Meyer's retirement on 12/28/11 at noon in the LEC.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Knops, second by Costello to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting January 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk  
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk