

**SWIFT COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**  
**JULY 2, 2024**

Chairman P. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Four members were present. Commissioner E. Pederson was absent.

Also present: Administrator Tesa Tomaschett, Auditor-Treasurer Katie Foley, Environmental Service Director Scott Collins, Trista Nelson, and members of the public.

Chairman P. Peterson asked if there were citizen comments.

Director of Business Development Michael Thalhimer with All Energy Solar and General Manager Chad Friese of Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company addressed the board about the Conditional Use Permit for Solar use came back unexcepted due to parts of the parcel of land being labeled as Wetland.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the agenda by adding item (d) Solar discussion and what defines a Wetland to the Regular Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- Consider approving the June 18, 2024, board minutes.
- Consider approving the June 18, 2024, Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes.
- Consider approval of the Avera Behavioral Health Contract 2024-2025.
- Consider approval of a Daycare Grant for \$2,500 for Melissa Wiebold.

Commissioner Mahoney moved, and Commissioner Rudningen, seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Warrants are as follows:

235,515.42	County General Revenue
24,673.74	Solid Waste Fund
9,655.10	County Road & Bridge
13,495.27	County Ditches Fund
1,066.80	County health insurance
1,528.50	State Fund

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bouta Construction LLC	6,216.00
Bouwman/Barry	2,000.00

Brennan Construction of MN Inc.	91,452.00
Chippewa County Auditor-Treas	8,249.27
Dooley Petroleum, Inc.	2,686.91
Dude's Tiling LLC	3,446.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	2,295.00
Geyer Recycling	6,800.00
Houston Engineering Inc	2,858.20
Marco Technologies LLC	3,883.52
Nelson Auto Center	83,078.00
North Country ChevroletGMC	25,179.80
Northern Lights Trail Snowmobile Club	2,159.73
Rockmount Research & Alloys Inc	2,643.59
Runnings Supply, Inc.	2,012.34
Tyler Technologies, Inc	2,870.49
Waste Management Of WI-MN	11,232.59
58 Payments less than 2000	26,871.39
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>285,934.83</b>

Commissioner Hendrickx moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve the Commissioner Warrants, and the Auditor Warrants paid on 6/28/2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Mills with the Chimes Operation Committee provided the board with a brief update on the Chimes and Carillon.

Environmental Service Director Scott Collins requested approval from the board for Building Block Holsteins, LLC for a dairy expansion. Landowner Stewart Johnson informed the board that the dairy barn expansion will house all dry cows in one location, eliminating the need for transportation between sites, improving health outcomes, and increasing operational efficiencies. Collins did mention that neighbor Kent Van Heuveln did come to the Planning and Zoning Meeting and voiced his concerns about the smells possibly the methane gas that is produced causing his wife to have headaches. Both Johnson and Van Heuveln have discussed the issue and are willing to work together to come up with different solutions to reduce the smell.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit #6385 there were no changes to the conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Tomaschett requested approval from the board to start a new hire social worker at Grade 16, Step 3

which is \$32.80 per hour.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve a new hire social worker at Grade 16, Step 3. The motion carried unanimously.

The board had a lengthy discussion of the Solar and Wind Ordinance and meaning of the verbiage "Wetlands". There was a discussion on who labeled it as a Wetland. The board suggested that Thalhimer and Friese contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife to start there with seeing if they can reevaluate the land and label it different.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve staff to prepare an update to the table on page 6 sub. div. 8 in the Solar Ordinance defining permitted and non-permitted areas for solar arise. The motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed at 10:43 AM.

The board reconvened at 10:50 AM.

Commissioner Mahoney reported on the Wind and Solar meeting, Joint Ditch meeting, and the Planning and Zoning meeting. Commissioner Rudningen reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Pioneerland Library, and Planning and Zoning meetings. Also, Congratulation to the KMS Marching Band who is heading to Nashville, Tennessee to March in the 4th of July Parade. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on the RDC meeting. Chairman P. Peterson reported on Prairie Five and Policy meetings.

Administrator Tomaschett reported on the Auditors being here last week, the Employee Picnic, the Policy Committee meeting, DOA Market Analysis Review and asked if the board would like to set up another Special Budget Meeting.

Commissioner Hendrick x moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve to have a Special Budget Meeting on July 30, 2024, at 9 AM in the Commissioners Board Room.

There was no other business.

Chairman P. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

WITNESSED:  
P. Peterson, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Tesa Tomaschett, County Administrator  
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