

**MINUTES OF THE  
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Otter Tail County Courthouse  
Commissioners' Room, Floor 1-B  
Tuesday, March 12, 2002  
9:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Otter Tail County Human Services Board convened Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with Commissioners Dennis Mosher, Chair; Bob Block, Vice-Chair; Syd Nelson, Malcolm Lee, and Roger Froemming present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the Human Services Board agenda of March 12, 2002, as mailed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Lee, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the Human Services Board minutes of February 26, 2002, as mailed.

**Bioterrorism Funding**

Public Health Director, Diane Thorson, reported that the State of Minnesota is receiving \$16 million from the federal government for bioterrorism funding for public health agencies. After Otter Tail County receives an allocation from the funds, Ms. Thorson will meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss staffing requirements.

**Public Transit Planning Discussion**

Paul Sailer, Director of Wadena County Family Services, presented recommendations from the Wadena County Public Transit Task Force dated December, 2001. Mr. Sailer explained that Wadena County decided to look at a multi-transportation project and has been holding public meetings in other villages to ascertain support for public transit in Wadena County. Todd County was quite interested although a task force was not established. Mr. Sailer explained that trade comes into Wadena County from both Todd and Eastern Otter Tail County. The Hubbard County transportation model appeals to Wadena County because it combines the volunteer program with the public transit program. In order to use state funds, the transportation must be available to the general public. Mr. Sailer suggested that an Otter Tail County representative could join their task force and invited Eastern Otter Tail County to join the proposed transit program. Lengthy discussion followed. Commissioners Nelson and Froemming will research the issue further and continued discussion will be scheduled at the next Human Services Board meeting.

**Court Services Program Overview**

Court Services Director, Chuck Kitzman, presented the Year 2002 Program Overview Report for the Court Services Department.

**Approval to Pay Bills & Claims**

Motion by Lee, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve the Human Services bills and claims as presented.

**Adjournment**

At 10:22 a.m., upon a motion by Lee, second by Block, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Otter Tail County Human Services Board adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Mosher, Human Services Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

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**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of March 12, 2002, with the following change:

Cancel the Solid Waste Director's Agenda Items Scheduled at 11:15 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board minutes of March 5, 2002, as presented.

**Approval to Pay Bills**

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to approve payment of County Board bills per Attachment A of these minutes which include lodging payments as follows:

Sheraton Inn Midway reimbursable by MCCC	Sheriff, Gary Nelson
Holiday Inn	STS Crew Leaders, Greg Peterson & Pam Loomer Program Coordinator, Janice Aaberg
Shooting Star Casino	Assistant Corrections Administrator, Al Keller

**Proposed Lake Improvement District**

Ron Anderson introduced several property owners and Lake Association members on Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul, and Devils Lakes. Bryce Anderson spoke for the group requesting that the County Board consider adopting a resolution of intent to establish a Lake Improvement District. Several handouts were provided. Mr. Anderson stated that high water and water quality issues resulting from high water are common problems among the lake groups that can best be solved with an entity working together. All property owners that own lake frontage on Little McDonald & Kerbs, Paul, and Devils & Little Devils Lakes would be included in the proposed LID except agricultural property. A feasibility study was completed and there are many homes threatened at this time. Discussion followed regarding the method that may be used to reduce the water level. Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to proceed with forming a Lake Improvement District by drafting a resolution of intent to establish a LID for Little McDonald & Kerbs, Paul, and Devils & Little Devils Lakes.

### **MRCC Tax Reform**

Assessor, Bob Moe, presented a proposed press release from the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus. Discussion followed regarding tax legislation.

### **License Application**

Motion by Lee, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the following application for license:

Wee Villa Resort Limited Partnership                      Tobacco  
Wee Villa Lodge  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

### **Exempt Permit Applications**

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve, with no waiting period, the Otter Country Trail Association's application for Exempt Permit for an event scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Graystone Restaurant and Lounge.

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve, with no waiting period, the Ducks Unlimited Spring Migration Chapter 162's application for Exempt Permit for an event scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2002, at the Pier on Otter Tail Lake.

### **Certification of Wetland Easements**

Motion by Lee, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to certify the following acquisition of land by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for waterfowl easement purposes:

Keven K. Crabtree

T. 136N., R. 42 W., 5<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to certify the following acquisition of land by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for waterfowl easement purposes:

Donald W. Rasset

T. 135N., R. 37 W., 5<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 30, Lot 4 also described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

### **Red River Valley Farmers and Homemakers' Award**

Chairman Mosher congratulated Syd and Kathryn Nelson as recipients of the East Otter Tail County "Valley Farmers and Homemakers" award presented at the RRVD annual banquet Saturday, March 2, 2002.

### **Closed to the Public Adjournment**

At 11:20 a.m., Chair Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners closed to the public for purposes of discussing labor negotiation strategies relative to the County's two Human Services collective bargaining units (Support Specialist and Professional units). Commissioners Nelson, Lee, Mosher, Froemming, and Block were present along with the County Attorney, Public Health Director, and Recording Secretary. At 12:25 p.m.,

upon conclusion of the closed session, Chair Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Mosher, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk