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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
June 2, 2020

The June 2, 2020 Regular Board meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board Chair Gordy Wagner with the following members present: Commissioners Paul Gerde, Nan Haggerty, Larry Lindor and Cody Rogahn. Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator was present and Neil Nelson, County Attorney was not present at the start of the meeting, but joined thereafter. The meeting was conducted telephonically by the County Coordinator from the County Board Room pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, as in-person attendance of the members or public was imprudent and/or impractical under the current Minnesota COVID-19 State of Emergency. Board Chair, Gordy Wagner called for a moment of silence to reflect on the current situation of unrest within our state.

On motion by Gerde, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Lindor and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the official proceedings for May 19, 2020.

A motion was made by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved six separate habitat easements: 1) Donald and Helen Berheim, husband and wife, of Benson, MN. The easement is located in Sections 27 and 24 of Langhei Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 184 acres allowing for haying after July 15 of each year and grazing throughout the year. 2) Lee and Betty Olson, husband and wife, of Hamel, MN. The easement is located in Section 23 of Lake Johanna Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 80 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year. 3) The Vern Olson Family LLLP, of Hamel, MN. The easement is located in Sections 22 and 27 of Lake Johanna Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 356 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year. 4) Rockwater Farming and Rec. Service LLC, of Hastings, MN. The easement is located in Sections 22 and 27 of Leven Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 98 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year. 5) Bruce and Lynnae Terhaar, husband and wife, of Brooten, MN. The easement is located in Sections 4 and 5 of Bangor Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 366 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year and grazing throughout the year. 6) Bruce and Lynnae Terhaar, husband and wife, of Brooten, MN. The easement is located in Section 34 of Grove Lake Township. This is a wetland easement protecting approximately 70.7 wetland acres in one wetland basin. After discussion on the addition of a condition requesting additional surveying in the area of such easements, a motion was made by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty, to rescind approval of the six easements presented, which was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner. Thereafter, a motion was made by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty, and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the six easements presented, with the additional condition that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) allow for the surveying an extra 50 to 70 feet from the centerline of any County roads adjacent to land subject to such easements, in consultation with the County Engineer. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Rogahn, and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board requested that on all future easements and acquisitions by the USFWS that it allow for the surveying an extra 50 to 70 feet from the centerline of any County roads adjacent to land subject to such easements, in consultation with the County Engineer.

David Green, Land and Resources Director presented Watercraft Inspections: AIS Project Grant Fund Request from GLNFCR Water Education Inc.; Conditional Use Permit (CUP): Operation of a Commercial Business related to leasing or rental of residential structure in a shoreland-general development zoning district: Applicant: Robbie Hyland and Conditional Use Permit: Operation of a Commercial Business related to leasing or rental of residential structure in a shoreland-recreational development zoning district: Applicant: Benjamin Zenner. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the AIS Project Grant Fund Request from the Lake Association for Grove Lake, known as GLNFCR Water Education Inc., for watercraft inspections at the boat launch locations on Grove Lake. The total project cost is estimated at \$4,440. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Lindor and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Wagner; Nays: Rogahn, the Board approved the CUP to operate a Commercial Business related to leasing or rental of residential structure in a shoreland-general development zoning district for Robbie Hyland located at Lot 5 Subdivision of Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 21, Township 125 (Minnewaska),