



# Gosper County Board Minutes



COURTHOUSE

ELWOOD, NEBRASKA

APRIL 12, 2017

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2017, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Members Glen Monter and Bruce Bader. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Elwood Bulletin, Elwood, NE on April 5, 2017. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

The meeting was duly called to order and Chairman Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The Minutes of March 29, 2017 were read. Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Marty Craig, Dawson/Gosper County Weed Supt. was present and gave a weed report.

John Thorburn and Larry Reynolds with Tri-Basin NRD were present and submitted a Feasibility Review from Olsson & Associates regarding the Platte Republican Diversion Project. The purpose of the proposed Platte Republican Diversion project is to divert unallocated flows from the Platte River to the Republican River via Turkey Creek. Turkey Creek is a tributary to the Republican River and generally runs north to south starting approximately 4 miles east of Elwood, Nebraska. It empties into the Republican River between Edison and Oxford, Nebraska. There are times during the year when the Platte River has potential excess flows that are not allocated or appropriated for downstream uses. Currently, these flows continue on down the Platte River past the proposed diversion point. Excess flows in the Platte River will be used to help augment flows in the Republican River through Turkey creek with a direct beneficial use to the State of Nebraska's interstate compact obligations, using publicly owned existing infrastructure. Based on the Summary and Conclusions of the preliminary feasibility analysis, the benefit-cost analysis clearly shows the project would provide a significant benefit over the lifetime of the project given the assumptions made for availability of excess flow from the Platte River. With creek improvements in the upper section and erosion control measures at each drainage structure and farm ponds, Turkey Creek would be able to handle diverted flows up to 100 cfs for the designated periods of time without negatively affecting the surrounding land or causing any significant erosion to the existing creek system. No action was taken.

Sheriff Dennis Ocken was present to request funding for Law Enforcement Training and discuss organizing a Surplus personal property sale. No action was taken.

Theresa McFarland, McFarland Family Farms, LLC was present to request the approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for an event to be held on May 20, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for McFarland Family Farms, LLC for May 20, 2017. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for January through March 2017. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of March. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Audit Report for Gosper County ending June 30, 2016, received from Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. The Audit Report is on file at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Assessor Cheryl Taft was present and submitted two Tax List Corrections. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve Tax List Correction No. 983 & 984. Roll Call



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Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to authorize Chairman Lerdall to sign the Notice of Award with Werner Construction, Inc., for the overlay of Johnson Lake Drive-West Side-Project No. 104-P1-066-17. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

(Seal)

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be April 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.