

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Adee, Skoe, and Sjoblom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Murray (Medical)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Perryn Hedlund, Janelle Peterson, Dave Reimer, Beth Slatinski, and Janesa Balaski.

2022/06-28 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-29 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Sheriff Hedlund updated the Board the lake has continued to recede with a slight uptick due to recent rainfall. It is predicted to drop four – six inches in the next week, we are currently hovering at the 1950 lake level. We should see somewhat normal levels mid to late August. We continue to monitor the situation. The State of Emergency will need to be extended through July for recovery and debris removal.

2022/06-30 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve Flood Claim batch in the amount of \$110,316.75. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-31 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve Land and Forestry warrant void in the amount of \$637.40 and Auditor/Treasurer warrant void in the amount of \$817.00. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Commissioner Sjoblom expressed his appreciation and extended a sincere thank you to all volunteers, Koochiching County staff and everyone that worked on filling sandbags. He also commended the Highway Department for all their work on the flood disaster.

000 Dave Reimer, Highway Engineer, noted we have 100,000 filled sandbags on hand and they may be offered to Lake of the Woods in the near future as LOW is still rising. Northwest Angle has been pounded. Littlefork and Bigfork Rivers are down.

000 Notice of hire of two Eligibility Workers; Michelle Brackin with a start date of June 27, 2022 and Dixie George with a start date of July 11, 2022.

000 Beth Slatinski, Coordinator, and recently hired Janesa Balaski, Coordinator, gave an update on Koochiching Area Prevention in Education (KAPE) Coalition. The coalition formed in 2015 to work towards reducing alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and other drug use in young adults in Koochiching County. October, 2021 Independent School District 361 received a five-year Drug Free Community (DFC) grant from the state totaling \$125,000 annually. They are working towards creating county-wide partnerships to spread prevention efforts to all communities. They would like to help Littlefork and Loman school districts receive a DFS grant and form a KAPE coalition in their districts.

Having offices right at the school is extremely helpful and 20 – 30 students are in their offices daily; it is a safe place to hang out for them. The students brought up Kerry Park and how they would like to hang out there, but it was always such a mess. KAPE contacted the city and they cleaned it up. They are also in the classrooms teaching about alcohol and vaping. They show students how advertising for vaping is geared towards female students that are 13 – 15 years old. KAPE meets 10 times a year and is currently working on National Night Out.

000 The Board Chair temporarily assigned Commissioner Sjoblom to VNPJPCWB which meets every third Wednesday in Cook and also as an Alternate on the ATV Board which meets every third Monday in Virginia.

000 The Board Chair called for Public Comment and there was none.

2022/06-32 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Voting yes: Pavleck, Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.