

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in the Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairperson Hillukka and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Commissioner Stearns, Commissioner Monson, Auditor/Treasurer Judy Taves, Zoning Director Deana Malone, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Landwehr, Northwest Regional Director of the DNR, Rita Albrecht, Cheryl Kelley-Dobie, Kerry Ross, all from the Department of Natural Resources and Brian Hansel from the Wadena Pioneer Journal. Commissioners Hofer and Horsager were unable to attend.

Commissioner Landwehr arrived at the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Land Owned by the State of Minnesota within Wadena County: Rita Albrecht, Northwest Regional Director talked about parcels that could be sold within Wadena County. One parcel in Lyons Township will be sold this fall at the State land sale. The State Department of Natural Resources is looking for a large land sale next year. They will look at the land that could still be sold off within Wadena County for next year's sale.

Chronic Wasting Disease: Commissioner Landwehr spoke about the testing around the state. A great deal of work has been done to try and stop the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease within the state. So far there have not been any cases in Wadena County.

Irrigation Permits: Commissioner Landwehr addressed why farmers are waiting a long time to receive the irrigation permits. The DNR must look into whether a permit may be issued based on the water available in the area. Some will get the go ahead right away and some will be put on hold due to the placement of the well and the amount of the water being taken out of the ground. Water capacity levels need to be taken at the correct time of year when the water table could be at the lowest, thus delaying the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Monson to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Stearns, motion carried unanimously.

Judy Taves
Wadena County Auditor-Treasurer

Dave Hillikka, Chairperson
Wadena County Board of Commissioners