

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

January 10, 2011

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF STEELE)

The Steele County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 7:30 a.m. on January 10, 2011 with Commissioners Schultz, Shea, Johnson, Kubicek, and Ebeling present. Also present were County Engineer Anita Benson, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, County Treasurer Steve Rohlik and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Commissioner Johnson offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shea:

WHEREAS, the Steele County Highway Operations Complex was impacted by floodwater in late September 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Steele County Highway Operations have been relocated to a temporary facility located at 900 30th Place NW in Owatonna, and

WHEREAS, the Steele County Board authorized a Request for Proposals for a Highway Operations Complex Restoration Feasibility Study, and

WHEREAS, the Proposal Evaluation Team has evaluated each proposal received based on criteria defined in the Request for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Proposal Evaluation Team's composite scoring rated Kraus Anderson Construction Company as the most qualified firm to conduct the study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Steele County Chairman of the Board and County Engineer are authorized to sign the Letter of Agreement.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Commissioner Kubicek offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schultz:

WHEREAS, the City of Owatonna is willing to serve as the designated local unit of government to administer flood recovery funds awarded through the Minnesota Investment Fund within the unincorporated areas of Steele County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owatonna, with the approval from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, is willing to assist individual businesses that are within the unincorporated areas of Steele County and were damaged in the September 22, 2010 flood event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owatonna will administer the Minnesota Investment Fund Disaster recovery Assistance Program within the following guidelines.

- Assistance is in the form of a 50% forgivable loan for businesses that remain in business for 10 years with the remaining 50% of loan payable at 0% for ten years.
- Eligible expenses include clean-up costs, repair of buildings, leasehold improvements, loss of inventory, and fixtures and equipment.
- Non-eligible costs include economic injury, business losses, relocation, other non-capital losses, and refinancing debt existing prior to the September 22nd flood event.
- The City of Owatonna will handle all processing, review, benefit determination, approval of individual loan requests, and administrative tasks including annual reporting.

- All administration fees available under this program shall be available to the City of Owatonna to cover expenses related to the administration of the program.

- Loan repayments shall be placed in a separate revolving loan fund held by the City of Owatonna and available for financing future business loans in the City of Owatonna and unincorporated areas of Steele County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Steele County Board of Commissioners that the City of Owatonna is hereby designated as the LGU for the purpose of administering the Minnesota Investment Fund Disaster Recovery Assistance Program within the unincorporated areas of Steele County.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to change the January 25th meeting to Monday, January 24th with Committee of the Whole at 3 p.m. and Board meeting at 7 p.m. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:58 a.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR