



# Nance County Board Minutes



February 11, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Nance County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on February 11, 2020 in the Supervisor’s Room, Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. with the following members present-Timothy Cornwell, Andrew Ditter, Robert Voichoskie, Ralph Horacek, Dennis Jarecke, Robert Small and Darren Nelson. Also present is County Clerk, Danette Zarek. Chairman advised those present of the open meetings act and its posting in the Supervisor’s Room.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Nance County Journal on February 5, 2020.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Board and a receipt of their acknowledgment is on file in the Clerk’s office.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to approve the agenda.

Moved by Voichoskie and seconded by Small to approve minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting. Roll Call: AYES–Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Cornwell; NAYS–None. Motion carried.

Moved by Horacek and seconded by Voichoskie to approve all claims submitted. Roll Call: AYES–Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson, Ditter, Voichoskie, Cornwell; NAYS–None. Motion carried.

## **SALARY CLAIMS**

GENERAL FUND	\$51,644.54
ROAD FUND	\$30,923.36
DISASTER	\$ 358.80

The Board reviewed and approved the Monthly Fee reports of the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,820.06; Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$309.46; and County Sheriff in the amount of \$1,075.21.

Board reviewed newly pledged collateral #3136ACYK1 in the amount of \$775,471.71; #96254LKB9 in the amount of \$185,000.00; and 14042RLZ2 in the amount of \$245,000.00; and pledged collateral called in/matured #71270QLZ7 in the amount of \$245,000.00 and #914639FP9 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Nelson to approve said pledged collateral.

The board reviewed the Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Statement. Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Voichoskie to approve the Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Statement (7/1/19-12/31/19).

Tony Bernt, Highway Superintendent, gives department updates: employees have been cleaning up the yard and doing equipment maintenance – working on one & six road plan. The Board will vote on the one & six at the next meeting – new culverts have been ordered – received pricing on road signs. Marco comes in at the lowest price and the sign quality is comparable to what the county has – Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> the road department will be meeting FEMA. This is the first meeting in the last three months. Meetings will then go back to weekly/bi-weekly – There is a pre-construction conference on the two bridge replacements here in the supervisor’s room on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Waiting on the **CORE** of engineers permit. – There is a sign conference in York next Wednesday that everyone in the road department will attend – The parts on the shredder are damaged beyond repair and the shredder is dangerous to use. New shredders cost \$25,000-30,000. The department will use the excavator with thumb to pull out trees.

The Board again addresses the dike damage on the Loup River. Present are Keenan Shotkoski and Charlane Brown Shotkoski, Bob Konwinski, Dale Lassek, Paul Borowiak, Keith Pillen, Shane Czarnick, county residents, Denise Ziemba, emergency manager, and Neal Suess & Dan Hellbusch with Loup Power District (Loup). Suess informed those present that the dike serves no operational purpose for Loup and they are not planning on repairing the dike at this time. They are in the process of preparing a streambank monitoring plan to submit to the Federal Emergency Regulations Commission (FERC). The Chicago branch of FERC, which deals with safety issues, suggests that Loup eliminate the dike. The Washington DC branch, which deals with regulation issues, has requested a streambank monitoring plan to show how the streambank has changed over the past year. Cornwell indicates that the concerns of those present is if the river came out again, it will go right to that hole made by the 2019 flooding. Suess feels it would have to be a pretty extraordinary event for that to happen, such as the floods of 1946, 1966 & 2019. Ziemba referred them to a recent letter from FERC that instructs Loup that they are responsible for the repairs to the dike. In response to that, Suess explained that once their streambank monitoring plan is submitted, FERC will either accept the plan or they will accept it and possibly request changes. Brown-Shotkoski feels that FERC should look at the changes that have occurred to



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the river since the date of inception of the canal and the horseshoe dike. She asked if Loup is repairing all the damages to their property, which answer was yes. So why not the dike? Without repair of the dike, the county residents' property, real and personal, and the county's roads are in jeopardy of more damage even if a major flood doesn't happen. Loup received 3 bids to fix the dike and the lowest bid was \$100,000. Suess and Hellbusch reported it is not too late to report the damage to FEMA. They are willing to work with the county and the township to come up with a plan. In such plan there would need to be an admission of responsibility between the parties. Suess states Loup will approach Lower Loup NRD to see if they are willing and able to cost share on the repairs; Loup will meet with FEMA on the dike damages; and they will get their streambank monitoring plan filed by the end of the month. Once they receive an answer from FERC on the streambank monitoring plan, they will come back to the board.

Moved by Jarecke and seconded by Small to adjourn.

All motions, except where specified, had the following roll call vote: AYES-Cornwell, Ditter, Voichoskie, Horacek, Jarecke, Small, Nelson; NAYS-None; Motion carried.

Timothy C. Cornwell  
Chairman

Danette Zarek  
County Clerk