



October 21 was opening day for me during the 2017 Colorado elk season. Actually the seasons had been open since August for various types of hunts that had not included me. The October hunt was a bit unusual for me and had come about due to commitments beyond my control that had been made. The earlier start to the season meant that I would not be hunting with my friends Larry and Jonathon Wolf who would be hunting during my regular season over the Thanksgiving holiday.

I had made the solo flight across several states in one shot stopping only for a brief nap near Bismarck on the way out. There had been a sleepover in Craig, Colorado, a stop at Maybelle to purchase a license and then the final stop at the Elk Springs Lodge. All of the guides faces were the same including Russ Behrman, his son Talon, head guide Mark “Auggie” Langer and Paul Gowdy. None of the hunters were guys I had hunted with before.

It was a smaller group than I had expected. When I asked Russ to change my dates he had been booked solid. But fate dealt a bad hand to a number of people including Behrman. Hunters included in the October hunt were a number of California firemen. Due to wildfires in the northern California hills, all firemen's leaves had been cancelled. Firemen were on call, on standby or doing emergency duties. Whether their hunts could be rebooked was all a question that was being handled by Mother Nature and hunts that could be rescheduled.

There were only four of us headed for the Elk Springs Ranch on Saturday morning. Two other hunters were bound for the irrigated alfalfa fields near the Little Snake River where the archery hunts are conducted. There was still a little bit of the rut going on with a few missed cows feeling amorous and a very few herd bulls willing to accommodate them.

Most of the elk, however, had abandoned the alfalfa and were back on their home grounds. But there were still enough good bulls hanging around to make things interesting very early in the morning and very late in the evening. The river hunters left early as they had an hour's drive just to get to the fields and another half hour walk to get positioned.

It felt like old home week as the first gate swung open and we entered the familiar landscape of the ranch. We would have three pickups working the hunting grounds this morning. I was riding with Russ Behrman. Paul Gowdy had a single hunter with him and “Auggie” was guiding a father-son team from California.

After a four-day rest between seasons, the decision was made that we would all hunt the front side of the ranch. That would give the south end another day of rest and also concentrate pressure on any elk that we might jump. Even if we didn't get a shot at one, perhaps one of the other hunters would. At least that was the theory.

The early morning rounds were made with little interest expressed by anyone. Auggie took a look around the duck pond and a few assorted canyons that sometimes hold elk. Nothing. Gowdy took the east route to Jerry's Lookout, the horse pasture, through Grantsburg and the windmill canyon, past the monuments and eventually working his way back to Ron's Canyon. Nothing.

Behrman and I took a familiar route. We entered the ranch through the second gate and checked out the power line and then moved on down to headquarters which is nothing more than what still exists of an old sheep camp after 50 years. Then it was on to the headquarters lookout, the red hill, slaughterhouse canyon, the switchbacks and on towards Shooter's Knob. Nothing!

We had three trucks moving through prime elk country that had not been hunted for four days and there was not an animal to be found. That is highly unusual. I had never seen that before. “It's been streaky like this all season,” Behrman said. Of course the season was only a couple of weeks old as far as hunting the ranch was concerned and it was no cause for alarm. Yet.

We reorganized after the early morning blank on the usual good spots. It would be standard operating procedure for the rest of the morning. Paul Gowdy was going to take his hunter up the backside of Wapiti. If there was anything up there they had an excellent chance of getting some shooting. If they missed, the elk were supposed to come off the big hill and towards us where we would be waiting for them. But many times the elk don't know the rules and go a different direction. Behrman and I were headed for Shooter's where we would simply sit and wait by a gate in an old fenceline.

Auggie and his troops would follow down the same ridge we were on for about another quarter of a mile where they would set up and also wait. Our best chance was something coming off Wapiti Peak. Auggie's best chance was something coming out of or returning to the sanctuary. They also had a chance at anything that might go by us if they headed southeast. If anything came off Wapiti and headed northwest, they were out of the ball game but we were supposed to cover that escape route.

Waiting is not rocket science when it comes to elk hunting. In fact it can more often than not seem downright dumb to be looking at a barren, windblown, snow covered steep hill expecting an elk to suddenly, magically appear. But sometimes they do.

We had put in our time at the gate and it looked like we were in for little more than practice for a later nap. Nothing at all moved in the huge, wide expanse that we could see. Occasionally an eagle would soar by overhead but other than that there was not so much as a coyote or prairie dog to be seen for miles.

Then we heard it. A shot from up top on Wapiti. There was silence for a fair amount of time. Then there was another shot, a short time later a third shot followed. A few minutes later the first elk of the day walked to the edge of the peak and stopped to look down at us from a long, long ways away.



A cow and a calf give us only a curious glance as they prepare to step into the cedars on Wapiti and completely disappear.

Independent School District #850 School Board Minutes

May 13, 2019
Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Board of Education of Rothsay Independent School District 850 held its Regular meeting on May 13, 2019, in the District Meeting Room at the school. Chairman Justin Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members Kevin Brenden, Chad Larson, John Reber, Jesse Christ and Mike Metzger also were present, as were Superintendent/Principal Wade Johnson, Elementary Principal Emily Sternberg and District Secretary/Bookkeeper Diane Haugrud.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Johnson read the mission statement “To prepare our students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.”

Brenden made a motion to approve the agenda with three additions; Larson seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Larson moved to approve the full minutes of the regular April meeting; Christ seconded this motion, which carried on vote. The school mailer will include the full minutes, as well as the Rothsay Regional Report.

Reber made a motion, which carried on vote following Metzger's second, to approve the financial reports and to authorize the fiscal agent for ISD 850 to pay accounts payable and hand payables in the following amounts: General Fund - \$169,569.78, Food Service - \$11,071.87, Community Service - \$5,135.49, Construction - \$1,795.00, Debt Redemption - \$,00, total - \$187,572.14. The student activity account balance is \$91,275.46.

Bremer Insurance presented their July 1, 2019 renewal. Larson moved to approve the Bremer Insurance proposal from EMC Insurance for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$42,485.17. Brenden seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Wade Johnson gave the superintendent/principal's report. Emily Sternberg presented the elementary principal's report.

No activities report was presented. Preschool school report was reviewed.

TCC/Tiny Tigers Daycare Report was reviewed.

The technology report was reviewed. The Certified Committee updated the board on their committee meeting.

Enrollment is at 278.

Larson introduced a motion to approve the Teachers on Call Contract beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Reber seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Brenden moved to approve the Hildi Inc. Contract for GASB Compliance at a cost of \$2,500.00 for the 2019-2020 school year. Larson seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Brenden moved to approve the move to PEIP Health Insurance effective July 1, 2019. Christ seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Larson moved to approve the second reading of the following policies:

601-M School District Curriculum & Instruction Goals

604 Instructional Curriculum

613 Graduation Requirements

614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure

615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications & Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students

618 Assessment of Student Achievement

619 Staff Development for Standards

705 Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy

Christ seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Director Reber moved to approve the following resolution:

Independent School District No. 850
(Rothsay), Minnesota

Resolution Adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy for Tax-exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds

WHEREAS, the Independent School District No. 850 (Rothsay), Minnesota (the “District”) from time to time will issue tax-exempt and tax-advantaged governmental bonds; and

WHEREAS, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and related regulations (the “Code”), and Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) the District is required to take certain actions after bond issuance to ensure that interest on those bonds remains in compliance with the Code and SEC; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined to adopt a policy regarding how the District will carry out its compliance responsibilities via written procedures, and to that end, has caused to be prepared documents titled Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures; and

WHEREAS, The School Board (the “Board”) of the District has reviewed the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy in connection with the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures and has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt the Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 850 (ROTHSAY), MINNESOTA; the Board approves the Policy as shown in the form attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the District staff is authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Larson, and upon roll call vote being taken thereon, the following Board Members voted in favor thereof: Reber, Larson, Brenden, Metzger, Christ, Phillips and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NONRENEWAL OF THE

TEACHING CONTRACT OF Kara Olson A PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Kara Olson is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No.0850.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Kara Olson, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 0850, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2018-2019 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his/her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL

Kara Olson
1510 10 1/2 St N Unit D
Moorhead MN 56560

Dear Ms. Olson:

You are hereby notified that at a Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850 held on May 13, 2019, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5. You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. However, such request should be received within ten days after the receipt of this notice.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 0850
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Reber and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Reber, Larson, Brenden, Metzger, Christ, Phillips and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Reber introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT OF Tabitha Cadmus A PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Tabitha Cadmus is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No.0850.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Tabitha Cadmus, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 0850, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2018-2019 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his/her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL

Tabitha Cadmus
336 N Whitford St.
Fergus Falls MN 56537

Dear Ms. Cadmus:

You are hereby notified that at a Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850 held on May 13, 2019, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5. You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. However, such request should be received within ten days after the receipt of this notice.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 0850
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Brenden and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Christ, Metzger, Brenden, Larson, Reber, Phillips and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Metzger introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT OF Joseph Bromenshenkel A PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Joseph Bromenshenkel is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No.0850.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Joseph Bromenshenkel, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 0850, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2018-2019 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his/her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in

substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL

Joseph Bromenshenkel
11194 225th Ave.
Sauk Centre MN 56378

Dear Mr. Bromenshenkel:

You are hereby notified that at a Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 0850 held on May 13, 2019, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5. You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. However, such request should be received within ten days after the receipt of this notice.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 0850
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Larson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Brenden, Metzger, Christ, Larson, Reber, Phillips and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Larson moved to approve tenure for Emily Sternberg, Kari Johnson and Rita Olson. Christ seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Brenden moved to approve the

Probationary teacher contracts of Bradley Neznik and Kim Braaten. Christ seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Larson moved to approve all the tenured teacher's contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. Metzger seconded this motion, which carried on vote. Reber and Phillips abstained.

Metzger moved to approve the resignation from Halle Schumann as English Teacher, Jr. High VB Coach and Speech Coach at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Reber seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Christ moved to approve the Jr. High Track Coach Contract for the 2018-2019 school year with Kim Braaten. Larson seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Reber moved to approve the teaching contract with Ashton Fuhs beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Brenden seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Larson moved to approve the resignation of Danielle Stevens. Metzger seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

Metzger moved to approve the resignation of Alicia Frovarp. Reber seconded this motion, which carried on vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Chad Larson, Clerk
Approved June 10, 2019
(July 1, 2019)

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TRADE MISSIONS ARE VITAL TO GROW OUR MARKETS
After spending half a century covering agriculture and traveling the world to observe food production in 44 foreign countries, I am more convinced than ever, that foreign travel is the best education you can get anywhere.

Among those many trips were several trade missions with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the U. S. Grains Council, formerly known as the U. S. Feed Grains Council. Those missions always included U.S. farmers and ranchers and had one purpose, to build export markets for American agricultural products in foreign countries. I had the opportunity to watch production ideas being shared and friendships being formed with producers in other countries and learning that farmers and ranchers around the world want to do the best job they can feeding a growing world population.

To me, the best part of these trips was the personal contact, using translators to have conversations with farmers and their families and seeing how they lived and worked. On my first trip to China, I visited a collective farm and met families who lived in a one-room home where the beds were shelves on the wall and the stove for cooking was a fire-pit in the dirt floor.

I remember my first visit to Viet Nam with the U. S. Feed Grains Council. They don't grow much corn in Viet Nam, but they do feed a lot of hogs. The purpose of that mission was to convince them to use more U. S. corn in their feed rations and how to use it more efficiently. I recall sitting in a hot, humid tropical classroom with shirtless barefoot farmers writing notes in Vietnamese as they listened to U. S. speakers talking about the benefits of using U. S. corn in their hog rations.

The point of all this is to encourage foreign travel by U. S. producers to meet your customers face-to-face and get to know them. And to let a few U.S. farmers who complained that these trade missions were using their check-off dollars to send a few people on a foreign vacation. The missions are anything but a vacation. They are long days of meetings and touring and working to sell the products of our farms to buyers in other countries.

So if you have the opportunity to be part of a trade mission, do it! It will be better than any book learning you can get and you will come home with a much better understanding of the people who share this planet with us.

My thoughts on Samuelson Sez.

NOTICE OF FILING DATES

FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 850
ROTHSAY, STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 850 shall begin on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, and shall close on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. At that election 3 members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, at the District Office, 2040 Co Rd 52. The filing fee for this office is \$2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district for 30 days before the general election, and must have no other affidavits on file for any other office at the same time.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Chad Larson
School District Clerk