

Cass County Board approves Phase 2 of archeological survey of 1800s logging camp

By Allan Olson
The Cass County Board of Commissioners met in Backus on Tuesday, November 15 and conducted a routine business agenda.

Land Commissioner Mark Gossman presented the Munroe Turntable – Roundhouse Phase 2 Grant award for board approval. On December 5, 2019, the board approved submitting a grant application to the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for the original Munroe Turntable survey. That grant was awarded, and on April 7, 2020, the board approved the Munroe Turntable Survey grant contract.

The Land Department then sought quotes to conduct a Phase 1 Archaeology Survey along the late 19th century Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway at the Munroe Turntable-Roundhouse site, which covers approximately 10.6 acres in the southwest part of the county, in Moose Lake Township (northeast of Leader). The initial archeological survey discovered logging camp relics from the 19th century.

The Land Department was authorized to apply for another archeological survey at the Munroe Turntable site on April 5, 2022, for Phase 2. This grant is funded through the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, a portion of which is appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society for history-related projects around the state.

Gossman said the purpose of Phase 2 is to conduct a more focused dig to determine if the site qualifies for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. On November 3, Cass County was awarded a grant of \$48,080, with a budget of \$42,400 appropriated from the Minnesota Historical Society and required \$5,680 match from Cass County, subject to county board approval. It was noted that \$1,440 of that match from the county could be met through volunteer hours, likely by county staff and outside volunteers, to be determined by the response received from the request for quotes.

Gossman asked for a motion to accept the Munroe Turntable Roundhouse Phase 2 grant award for \$48,080 from the Minnesota Historical Society, and to authorize the Land Department to send out a request for quotes to qualified archaeologists to conduct Phase 2. The board approved his request as presented.

Longville Ambulance
North Memorial Ambulance Manager Kevin Lee of the Brainerd Region presented his report on the Third Quarter of 2022 for the Longville Ambulance Subordinate Service District (LASSD). The LASSD had Advanced Life Support (ALS) crews on every shift except for one during that period, which exceeds their part-time ALS requirements. They billed 229 patients, compared to the budgeted amount of 216; they billed 222 patients over the same span in 2021. As a result,

revenues were \$9,417 favorable to budget. Revenue deductions were 59.4% vs. a budget of 57.8%. Expenses were \$10,921 favorable to budget.

Their operating margin was -2.9%, due to over \$100,000 in salary increases from 2018 to 2022. Their last subsidy increase was in 2017, and they have requested a subsidy increase for 2023 to meet their 10% margin goal.

Lee said they are attending quarterly Emergency Services meetings with Chad Emery, and they have continued to represent Cass County on the Central Region EMS Advisory Committee. For the 2021-22 grant period, Cass County agencies received \$2,114 to re-certify five First Responders and 28 EMTs. Additionally, they started a resident EMT Program where they pay for laypeople to attend EMT classes in exchange for one year of service as an EMT. Their customer satisfaction score for the Third Quarter was 95%; their goal is 92%.

Environmental Services
Environmental Services Director Jeff Woodford presented a contract for brush hauling from the Walker/Hackensack Transfer Station for board consideration. He reported that on October 10, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) sent out a request for bids to several area contractors to conduct the hauling of 800-1,000 loose yards of brush and wood waste from the Walker-Hackensack Transfer site to the old county gravel pit located in Hiram Township 3. The deadline to submit bids was October 28, and two bids came back from Schupp Excavating (\$10,000) and Tylers Backhoe Service (\$4,800).

There was a brief discussion regarding designation of the gravel pit site for yard waste. It was noted that the public was directed to use the gravel pit this summer after storm damage created higher volumes of yard waste. Concerns were expressed regarding the need of an address for the gravel pit, and the potential for increased trash dumping at a designated yard waste site that is not staffed.

Woodford also reported that the county’s recycling contractor, Liberty Paper, has notified ESD that with cardboard prices going down and becoming less of a commodity, recycled paper will likely be picked up on a more limited basis.

The commissioners awarded the contract for brush hauling from the Walker/Hackensack Transfer Station to Tyler’s Backhoe Service for \$4,800.

Upcoming Meetings
•Thursday, December 8 – Regular Board Meeting, 3 p.m., with Public Hearing for the 2023 County Fee Schedule, Budget and Property Tax Levy beginning at 6:00 p.m.; both in the Board Room on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex in Walker.

•Thursday, December 20 – Regular Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Land Department Meeting Room, Backus.

Garbage truck collides with deer in Cass County

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports that at 6:06 a.m. on Friday, November 18, the Sheriff’s Office received a report of a one-vehicle rollover with injuries on County Road 1 in Maple Township in rural Pequot Lakes.

Deputies and emergency responders arrived on scene and found that a Waste Partners Garbage truck had been southbound on County Road 1 when two deer entered the

roadway and were struck by the truck, causing it to leave the roadway and roll over. The driver, a 50-year-old male from Brainerd, had to be extricated from the vehicle. He was treated on scene and transported via helicopter to a St. Cloud area hospital with serious injuries. Assisting the Sheriff’s Office on scene were the Pine Rivers Fire Department, North Memorial Ambulance and North Memorial AirCare.



Public Notices

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting Monday, October 17, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, Eric Nelson and JoAnn Olson. Absent member Rodney Huttunen. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Principal Amie Westberg; Business Manager Holly Paulson; DOS/AD Jon Lillquist; staff members Melissa Koch and Dave Kerkvliet; Student Council Representative Anna Vargo and Review Messenger Reporter Tim Bloomquist.

Johnson moved, Frame seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Anna Vargo reported on Fall Festival Week noting that will be dress up days every day and activities which include a Volleyball game between the juniors and seniors and staff, Bingo during Advisory time, obstacle course, door decorating contest, and Powder Puff Football. A “Kick Cancer” event was held for Carol Hooper during the volleyball game with Henning and raised a little over \$1700 for her. They will now start planning activities for Halloween.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on 3rd quarter payroll reports have been completed; FY2023 Wage Statements have been distributed to staff; currently working on FY2023 annual payroll for the budget revision; completed final entries for the auditors for the 2021-2022 audit; working with WEX to move out the Flex account from Further; and submitted the employee census to National Insurance to update employee salaries for FY2023.

Dean of Students/AD Jon Lillquist reported on the cell phone policy noting that overall the enforcement of the cell phone policy has been working with fewer issues with cell phones; had a Dean of Students Network at Sourcewell on October 12th; starting a campus initiative with a company called Biggest Fan Consulting to help improve school culture, participation, sportsmanship and promoting a feeling of belonging for all students and also noted that the company also works with the leaders to have them teach the next set of leaders so it becomes a legacy program. Reviewed dates for fall sports playoffs and the following winter sports assignments: GBB - Head Coach Mike Heino, Assistant Open, Junior High Kylynn Warmbold, Wrestling Head Coach Jake Oyster, Assistant Wade Hukriede, ½ Assistant Todd Frie and ½ Assistant Luke Davidson; BBB - Head Coach Jon Lillquist, Assistant Jeff Lake, Jr. High BBB Jerome Meyer; and Sarah Kuschel as BBB Cheerleading Advisor.

Principal Westberg reported on that we are now validated as an MN School of Excellence; Walmart donated over \$350 in school supplies; started observations for non-tenured teachers; signed up for an 8-week LETRS training for administrators; and will be attending a Vision Trip with Mrs. Kern to Wisconsin sponsored by Sourcewell October 25th – 27th.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on secondary class schedules with enrollment numbers in each class; FFA request to attend the FFA Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana October 26th-28th; MSBA Learning/Networking Opportunities available; congratulated Mrs. Westberg for her work and the committees’ work on the Minnesota Schools of Excellence; reviewed interest earnings with MN Trust; reviewed custodial, transportation and food service departments and noted that everything seems to be going well; and suggested to have a work session in November to discuss estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2023-2024 school year, future staffing and programming, future administrative direction and information needed for the school’s planning and direction.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed what needed to be completed for the World’s Best Workforce Plan, MREA Conference on November 13th – 15th; and Q-comp goals noting that the goal for the elementary will be to improve from 56.6% to 58.6% and the high school to improve from 52.65 proficiency to 54.65. Principal Westberg reviewed the MCA results in Math, Reading and Science.

Nelson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of the assignment of Sarah Kuschel as BBB Cheerleading Coach: regular meeting minutes from the September 12th board meeting; Treasurer and Investment report for October; monthly bills at \$673,835.03; Q-Comp Leadership positions: Q-Comp Coordinator-Becca Pulju and Donna Yliniemi; Peer Coaches - Dan Doyle, Mike Heino, Becca Pulju, Dave Kerkvliet, Donna Yliniemi, and Ronnie Lee; Data Manager Mrs. Westberg; Data Management Team Members – Becca Pulju and Jerome Meyer; Teacher Mentors Becca Pulju with Matt Adams, Jenny Lillquist with Jordan Jenkins, Mike Heino with Keegan McCorkell, Dave Kerkvliet with Ashton Seieroe and Kristopher Olson, Rachel Kern with Meghan Adams, Dan Doyle with Jacob Haag, Nicole Oyster with Caroline Drury, Emily Crabb with Alicia Strayer and Tammy Kopacek with Nicole Walker; Assignment of Dawn Eitel as paraprofessional; Winter sports assignments: GBB - Head Coach Mike Heino, Assistant Open, Jr. High GBB Kylynn Warmbold; Wrestling - Head Coach Jake Oyster, Assistant Wade Hukriede, ½ Assistant Todd Frie and ½ Assistant Luke Davidson; BBB - Head Coach Jon Lillquist, Assistant Jeff

Truth In Taxation Meeting Notice
Wadena County Board Of Commissioners

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Truth in Taxation Meeting to discuss the proposed Wadena County 2023 Budget and Property Tax Levy and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens to give comment relating to the same.

The meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wadena City Council Chambers, 222 2nd St. SE, Wadena Minnesota 56482.

Heather Olson, Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer
Dated at Wadena, Minnesota, this 14th Day of November, 2022.

Lake, Jr. High BBB Jerome Meyer; and October enrollment at 466 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the assignment of Sarah Kuschel as BBB Cheerleading Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year. Funk abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to approve the following competencies for bus drivers 1) Safely operate the type of school bus the driver will be operating; 2) Understand student behavior, including issues related to students with disabilities; 3) Ensure orderly conduct of students on the bus and handle incidents of misconduct appropriately; 4) Know and understand relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies; 5) Handle emergency situations; 6) Safely load and unload students. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Erickson seconded to approve the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Prohibiting Discrimination report noting that this report is completed for the state showing that the school district is in compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination and that we have policies on file in-house and submitted to the state ensuring we are in compliance with federal law pertaining to these compliance issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Frame seconded to approve the first reading of the EMS-ESP Seniority List as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Erickson seconded to approve a resolution from MSHSL Foundation supporting the school’s application to the MSHSL Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Johnson, Nelson and Olson; against: none; absent: Huttunen; therefore the resolution was duly adopted.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to approve to write off the debt of \$1,013.00 for unpaid lunch meals dating back prior to March of 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution accepting the following donations - \$500 to SkillsUSA from Tom and Kyle Schulz; and \$20 to the Ross Beaumont Memorial Fund. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Johnson, Nelson and Olson; against: none; absent: Huttunen; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Erickson moved, Frame seconded to approve the first reading of the MSBA Model Policy 722 Public Data Requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to approve to try Esports for the 2022-2023 school year. The following members voted in favor: Erickson and Johnson; the following members voted against: Frame, Funk, Nelson and Olson; therefore the motion failed on a 4-2 vote.

John Hagen, auditor from Eide Bailly, presented the Executive Summary of the FY2022 audit. He reported that it was a clean audit with minimal findings of segregation of duties, preparation of financial statements including SEFA and material journal entries and noted that these were findings are not uncommon for a district of our size; there was one finding for a couple of inactive Student Activity Accounts, and there were no findings in the federal audit.

Nelson moved, Frame seconded to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 audit report noting that it was a clean audit with minimal findings of segregation of duties, preparation of financial statements, and material journal entries and one finding for a couple of inactive Student Activity Accounts, and there were no findings in the federal audit. It was noted that the findings for the financial statements are based on the number of staff available for districts of our size. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Olson seconded to approve FFA to attend the National Convention October 26th-28th in Indianapolis, Indiana. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Erickson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously..

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District
Review Messenger
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Wadena County Sheriff's List of "Most Wanted"

Anyone who knows the location of any person(s) pictured or listed in this column is asked to please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Wadena County Sheriff’s Department at (218) 631-7600. Callers identity will be kept confidential. For your own safety do not try to apprehend them. Please call law enforcement immediately.

Brian Lee Karkinen,
Age 21
484 N 24th Ave.
St. Cloud, MN
Warrant: Theft

Preston Augusta Kern,
Age 21
Homeless
Warrant: Contempt of Court (2 counts)

Lisa Marie Lauseng,
Age NA
122 11th St. S
Virginia, MN
Warrant: Contempt of Court (2 counts)

Marcus Wayne Leith,
Age 45
235 SE 4th Ave
Milaca, MN
Warrant: Theft

Becky Lynn Loken,
Age 53
613 SE Wisaconsin Ave
Staples, MN
Warrant: Issue Dishonest check

Lorissa Lee Johnson,
Age 36
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Park Rapids, MN
Warrant: Theft

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