



County Ditch No. 53 & 43:

Mr. Wasvick updated the Board on County Ditch System 53 and 43. A pipe has been installed in County Ditch No. 43, Indian Lake, and the water is currently flowing which has resulted in lowering the water off of CR 33. The Highway Department will take elevations of the lake every two weeks and provide that data to the DNR.

County Ditch No. 70:

Mr. Wasvick reported that County Ditch No. 70, Sewell Lake, has a tile system coming out of Sewell Lake that is plugged. There is very little money in the Ditch System and he has been unable to obtain an estimate from contractors. The lake is very close to running over. Discussion followed. Motion by Mosher, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to proceed with repairing CD No. 70 on Sewell Lake.

**Recess & Reconvene**

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recessed for a short break. The meeting was reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

**Road Name Change Request**

GIS Coordinator, Brian Armstrong, addressed an issue regarding a name change request for 425<sup>th</sup> Street. This road was previously known as Fort Thunder Road. Mr. Armstrong explained that 425<sup>th</sup> Street fit the numbered grid of straight roads; therefore, Fort Thunder Road was not an option for this road when developing the E911 system. In the appeal process, numbered roads were not considered for road name changes because this grid of roads is the backbone of the E911 Road Name System. James Osterfeld, representing Perham Township Board, requested that 425<sup>th</sup> Street be changed back to Fort Thunder Road because 1) Fort Thunder Road is better known, 2) other "grid" roads have been changed because of extenuating circumstances, and, 3) Perham Township had a motion recorded from 1976 that this road would be named Fort Thunder Road. Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, to change the road name of 425<sup>th</sup> Street to Fort Thunder Road on the five miles west from Hwy 78. Chair Mosher called for a roll call vote:

Commission District 5	Block	Nay
Commission District 2	Lee	Nay
Commission District 4	Froemming	Yea
Commission District 1	Nelson	Yea
Commission District 3	Mosher	Yea

Motion passed.

**Request to Advertise for Bids – Building Enclosure & Construction Package**

Physical Plant Manager, Rick Sytsma, and Architect, David Shultz, presented documents regarding the proposed RFP for the Building Enclosure and Interior Construction Package for the Government Service Center at an estimated bid price of \$5,300,000. Motion by Lee, second by Block, and unanimously carried to authorize the Physical Plant Manager and Architect to advertise for bids for the Building Enclosure and Interior Construction Bid Package for the Government Service Center with a bid opening date of October 16, 2002.

**Planning Commission Recommendations**

Conditional Use Permit – Weslake Resort, Inc./BJ Jensen, LLC:

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried approve a Conditional Use Permit to reconfigure this cluster development by removing manufactured homes and replacing

with cabins per drawing on file at the Land & Resource Management Office. The approval is subject to the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Pt GL 10 & 11 (12.70 Ac) & Pt GL 10 & 11 (4.60 Ac, Tract D), section 32 of Maine Township; West Lost Lake (56-481).

Conditional Use Permit – Hunstad Tst:

Motion by Froemming, second by Lee, and carried with Mosher opposed, to deny a Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for annual family reunions in August of each year. The property is described as Sandy Shore Development Lot 7A & 7B, Section 1 of Everts Township; Otter Tail Lake (56-242).

Conditional Use Permit – Stephen & Crystal Johnson:

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to build a driveway through the lower ditch and to the garage and fill around the garage with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Island View Lot 2 Blk 1, Section 16 of Edna Township; Berger Lake (56-1149).

Conditional Use Permit – Whispering Pines Resort/Robert Corbin:

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to expand 3 of the existing 12 cabins on the resort as presented. The property is described as Martins Perfect Beach Lots 8 – 13, Section 31 of Corliss Township; Big Pine Lake (56-130).

Conditional Use Permit – Madsen's Resort, Inc./Eric Malmstrom:

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried approve a Conditional Use Permit to renovate an existing porch on their store as presented. The property is described as Pt Outlot A 256' on Road x 309.4' on Lk (3.2 Ac), Section 1 of Everts Township; Blanche Lake (56-240).

Conditional Use Permit – David Wieser:

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Real Estate Office with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as S.L. 4 of Gov. Lot 4 (.81 AC), Section 32 of Amor Township; Otter Tail Lake (56-242).

Preliminary Plat – "McDonald View"/Robert Pawlowski:

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve a Preliminary Plat consisting of 6 single family residential lots, 2 blocks with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Pt of Gov. Lot 6 & Pt of Gov. Lot 7 (6.10 Ac), Section 9 of Edna Township; Little McDonald Lake (56-328).

Conditional Use Permit – Rodney & Jill Hagen and Gary Johnson:

Motion by Lee, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to provide a restrictive lake access easement for plats of Western Exposure & Southern Exposure with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Lot 4 Ex Tr & NE¼ Ex Tr, GL 5 Ex Tr, Section 29 of Scambler Township; Pete Lake (56-941).

Conditional Use Permit – Robert L. Hilde:

Motion by Lee, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to construct a storage building for rental purposes with conditions as recommended by the

Planning Commission. The property is described as Lot 4 Ex Liberty Beach & Ex Trs (42.64 Ac), Section 6 of Dunn Township; Pelican Lake (56-786).

Conditional Use Permit – Tom & Lisa Leuthner:

Motion by Mosher, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit to replace a mobile home with a permanent dwelling with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Lot 8 Ex Platted and Ex Trs, Section 2 of Sverdrup Township; East Lost Lake (56-378).

CUP #5909 Extension Request – John & Sandy Karvonen:

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to extend Conditional Use Permit #5909 until June 1, 2003, with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. The property is described as Pt. Lot 6 Oakland Beach, Section 1 of Perham Township; Little Pine Lake (56-142).

**Extension Requests for Preliminary Plat & Conditional Use Permits**

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to extend the date for filing the Final Plat known as “Russ’ Beach” on Little Pine Lake (56-142) until November 1, 2002.

Motion by Mosher, second by Block, and carried with Lee opposed, to extend Conditional Use Permit # 5970 for Richard & Linda West on Swan Lake (56-781) until October 1, 2002.

Motion by Froemming, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to extend Conditional Use Permit #5923 for Cynthia Vierkant on Otter Tail Lake (56-242) until November 1, 2002.

**Contract Approval – S.A.P. 56-650-06 & Etc.**

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chair’s signature to execute a contract between the County of Otter Tail and Riley Bros. Construction, Inc. of Morris, MN, for completion of S.A.P. 56-650-06 & Etc., Bridge Replacements on CSAH 50 and in Gorman, Hobart, and Bluffton Townships, in the amount of \$645,278.80, contingent upon the approval of the County Attorney.

**Drainage Discussion**

Highway Engineer, Rick West, reported that the Highway Department measured some elevations and reported that the plan to drain an area on Gary Bergem’s property (Marion Lake) north to the adjacent boggy area is workable. This is a Township road and the Township could install a culvert/pipe in the right-of-way area to accomplish the project. Mr. Bergem will talk with the Township to proceed with the project.

**Wetland Credits**

Highway Engineer, Rick West, briefed the County Board regarding the County’s wetland bank. Mr. West recommended that the cost to purchase wetland credits from the County be increased from \$.10 per sq. ft. to \$.15 per sq. ft. and that wetland credits are sold only to private parties for mitigation within Otter Tail County. Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to increase the cost to purchase wetland credits to \$.15 per sq. ft. and to authorize the sale of wetland credits only for projects in Otter Tail County as recommended by the Highway Engineer.

**Recess & Reconvene**

At 12:07 p.m., Chairman Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recessed for lunch break. At 1:08 p.m., Chairman Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners closed to the public for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Public Health Director, Diane Thorson, pursuant to M.S. §471.705 Subd. 1d(d). All five seated commissioners were present for the evaluation. A summary of performance conclusions will be provided at the next regular Human Services Board meeting. At 1:31 p.m., upon conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Mosher declared the meeting open to the public with Commissioner Froemming absent.

**Refugee Services**

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota has offices in Moorhead and Pelican Rapids that resettle refugees and help with transition to life in American communities. Commissioner Lee stated that the program has been funded through the state's Refugee Resettlement Office and beginning in October, the state will no longer fund that service in the Northwest region. He expressed concern as the program is very important in the Northwest region of the state.

**Meeting Attendance**

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to request Commissioner Nelson to attend the tour and meeting of the EOTSWCD on September 18, 2002.

**Adjournment**

At 1:37 p.m., Chair Mosher declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, September 24, 2002.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk Dennis R. Mosher, County Board Chair