

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on March 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present in-person: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig & Young. Commissioner Amb attended via Webex. On motion of Nesvig seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the agenda with no corrections. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021 as presented.

LIQUOR/BEER LICENSE: On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor sign the 2021 on-sale only, liquor & beer licenses for The Goose River Golf Club.

LOAD RESTRICTIONS: On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Auditor to send a letter requesting year-round assistance of the ND Highway Patrol to enforce Traill County load restrictions.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented the following tax abatements: 2019 & 2020 Pearson (parcel #23-0000-03772-010; 2020 Crotty (parcel #08-0000-01310-005 and 2020 Lamb (parcel #26-8026-01022-000). On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the tax abatements. Knudson also presented the following 2-year (2021-2022), \$75,000.00 single-family home exemptions: Klath (parcel #21-0000-03377-000); Knudson (parcel #03-0000-00427-030) and Pearson (parcel #23-0000-03772-010).

HIGHWAY: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLJ updated the board on various issues. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Martin to sign the notice to NDDOT informing them of Traill County's selection of KLJ Engineers for BRO-0049(027) PCN 21473.

INSURANCE BID OPENING: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to open the bids for the Traill County Insurance policy. One bid was received from Erickson Agency, Hillsboro. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to accept the bid from Erickson Agency for a \$2,000,000.00 NDIRF Liability Package to run 04-01-21 thru 04-01-22. Lee Erickson requested to meet with a Commissioner or someone else to review the policy. The request was tabled until the next meeting.

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS POLICY: Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor and Stacy Smelden, Deputy Auditor discussed the Federal Families First Coronavirus Policy which had been put into place April 1, 2020 and ended December 31, 2020. Hovey requested Commissioners to extend the policy until further notice until more people can get vaccinated. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to follow the federal policy deadline of December 31, 2020 and ending the county policy on that same date. No extension was granted.

ELM RIVER SNAGGING & CLEARING: Water Board members attending in-person: Joel Halvorson and Jason Lovas. Landowners attending in-person: Don McInnes and Marlin Stokke. Jason Lovas requested the Commissioners to review the ELM River Snagging & Clearing project again, as the project had been declined at the 02-02-21 meeting. Halvorson stated that this may be the last year the State will cost share at 50/50 split with landowners. Depending on legislative action, the cost share could change to 10% state and 90% local share. Any funds not used for the project will remain in a special fund, only to be used for the Elm River for future cleaning.

Commissioner Young introduced the following RESOLUTION and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO CREATE

ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01

WHEREAS, the Traill County Commission (the "County") and the Traill County Water Resource District (the "District") have cooperated regarding the creation of ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01.

WHEREAS, the District's jurisdictional boundaries include certain portions of the Elm River, and the District has concluded certain snagging, clearing, cleaning, and maintenance is necessary in portions of the Elm River within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, more specifically, the District previously declared the necessity to create ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01, a snagging and clearing district under N.D. Cent. Code § 61-16.1-09.1, for purposes of financing and funding a snagging, clearing, and maintenance project on that portion of the Elm River depicted in the map attached to this RESOLUTION as **Exhibit A** (the "Project").

WHEREAS, the District previously analyzed and investigated that portion of the Elm River watershed in the vicinity of the Project to determine what parcels of real property would benefit from the Project, and approved a preliminary assessment list for ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 comprised of real properties that will benefit from the Project.

WHEREAS, the District and the County cooperated to conduct a joint public hearing regarding the Project and the proposed creation of ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 on January 19, 2021, preceded by all requisite notices in accordance with Section 61-16.1-09.1.

WHEREAS, at the hearing, the District and its engineer explained the necessity for the Project; the lack of a sufficient alternative funding mechanism to fund snagging, clearing, cleaning, and maintenance along the Elm River; the benefits the Project will provide to certain properties within the Elm River watershed; and the need to create ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 under Section 61-16.1-09.1 to finance and fund the Project.

WHEREAS, if both the District and the County approve the creation of ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 by two-thirds votes, the District can levy special assessments against properties that will benefit from the Project, up to a maximum of \$0.50 per acre for ag lands, and \$0.50 per \$500 of taxable valuation for non-ag property.

WHEREAS, under Section 61-16.1-09.1, the total amount of assessments the District collects for the Project must be less than \$100,000.00; following expenditure of all assessments levied for purposes of the Project by the District, if the District wishes to conduct additional snagging and clearing in the same natural watercourse, the District must create a new snagging and clearing district, and must follow all procedures under Section 61-16.1-09.1 to create the new district, including an additional joint hearing with the County.

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the proposed Project; the County has considered the benefits the Project would provide to certain property within the Elm River watershed; and the County has considered the necessity to create ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01.

WHEREAS, under Section 61-16.1-09.1, creation of ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 requires approval by two-thirds of the County and two-thirds approval by the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Traill County, North Dakota, declares it necessary to create ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01 for the benefit of the properties within the Elm River watershed that benefit from and rely upon the Elm River for improved drainage and other benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Traill County, North Dakota, authorizes, approves, and orders the creation of ELM RIVER SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2021-01.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly seconded by Commissioner Nesvig. Upon roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb. The following commissioners voted nay: Eblen. Two-thirds of the Commission having voted aye, the motion carried, and the RESOLUTION was duly adopted.

ATTEST: Chairman Elliott and Auditor Haugen. DATE APPROVED: March 2, 2021.

DOMESTICATION: Jenni Rubash, Head Custodian presented a dome window change order to replace the existing windowpanes with panes that are historically accurate with a grill design. The change order represents a price increase of \$13,788.00. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the change order and allow the Chairman to sign the agreement.

NATURAL GAS: Jennie Rubash, Head Custodian was asked to contact companies and Bobbi Hepper Olson to start the process of converting over our boilers to natural gas and report back at a later date on costs involved.

HUMAN SERVICE OFFICES: Commissioner Eblen will contact each department head about the vacant offices on the 2nd floor due to Social Services moving over to the Wells Fargo Bank.

AUDITOR'S WARRANTS:

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to March 1, 2021 were allowed paid to-wit:

101409	Discovery Benefits Fees	49.00	82225-82308	February Payroll	207,370.85
101413	TC Treasurer FOASI	66,181.00	101417	ND PERS Retirement	42,254.35
			101414-101415	Re-print	9,266.15

REGULAR BILLS:

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills presented to the Board were ordered paid, to-wit:

101421	Aanderud, Marilyn	32.28	101452	Kathi Mooney	38.24
101422	Advanced Drainage System	5.25	101453	Farnams Genuine Parts	19.49
101423	Ada Electric Inc	1,133.76	101454	NDCCAA	100.00
101424	ND BC/BS	6,006.30	101455	ND 24/7 Atty General	140.00
101425	Business Essentials	255.97	101456	ND Weed Control Assn	275.00
101426	Code 4 Services	670.00	101457	Grandin Nepstad	13,783.55
101427	Brooke Duval	208.32	101458	Northern Engine & Supply	43.66
101428	Marlene Eblen	21.39	101459	OK Tire Store	313.28
101429	East Central Regional Water	230.74	101460	Ottertail Power Co.	188.48
101430	Ernies Repair	1,790.41	101461	Professional Development	1,695.00
101431	Fleet Pride Truck	18.61	101463	RS Electric	570.00
101432	Great Americal Leasing	117.00	101464	Remark Tech	8,964.00
101433	Global Safety Network	214.75	101465	Tammy Sand	1,050.66
101434	Hillsboro Banner	36.00	101466	Seatol	2,000.00
101435	Hillsboro Kiwanis Food	50.00	101467	Sorum Oil Co	22.19
101436	Hillsboro Municipal Utility	3,958.77	101468	Steele County	1,332.50
101437	Halstad Telephone Company	102.27	101469	The Learning Circle	500.00
101438	John Deere Credit	499.52	101470	Trail County Tribune	1,049.40
101439	Tina Johnson	107.70	101471	Verizon Wireless	167.82
101440	KLJ Engineering	22,611.09	101472	Verizon Wireless	72.85
101441	Jackie Kraling	58.40	101473	Viking Insurance and Realty	175.00
101442	Jill Lagein	91.28	101474	Wilson Brothers ND	24.75
101443	Lawson Products	5.83	101475	West Central Regional	4,500.00
101444	Jennifer Lindseth	119.70	101476	Walsh County Sheriff	750.00
101445	Loffler Companies	80.58	101477	West Side Steel	305.80
101446	Lovro Electric	193.06	101478	Larry Young	311.84
101447	Little Falls Machine	1,011.72	101479	Zep Manufact.	214.09
101448	Sara Mack	100.00	101480	Finley Motors	238.05
101449	Millers Fresh Foods	2.78	101481	NDPERS	2,281.40
101450	Tammi Mooney	10.89	101482	ND Public Health Insurance	57,512.66
101451	Midstates Wireless	966.09	101483	JP Morgan	15,918.87

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m. to meet again on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman