

October 10, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Wiese, Gage, and Sutton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Dennert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Fischbach wanted to address some of the comments that were made by Mr. Hartwig with GEVO at last weeks Commission meeting. Ed wanted to inform the Commissioners not to be concerned with the threat he feels Mr. Hartwig made about pulling out of South Dakota: GEVO is a company from Colorado; totally subsidized by the taxpayers and has received \$187 million dollars from the State of South Dakota to build this project. Ed shared that he read an article stating that GEVO is not financially stable, stock shares are selling for \$1.00/share. He also wanted to bring to the Commissioners attention that Mr. Hartwig was at the last Legislative session, and he was lobbying against eminent domain and GEVO was not even in on the original application that Summit Carbon submitted to the PUC. Ed stated that in his opinion to let them leave the State and give that money back to State and in turn give to the Counties for help with such things as roads. Ed informed the Commissioners that Mr. Powell with Summit Carbon Solutions was at the Commission meeting in McPherson County proposing new routes; but about a month ago in Iowa he stated that if South Dakota & North Dakota rejected the permit – Summit would stop the project and again they didn't keep their word.

Kylie Lange from Summit Carbon Solutions shared that again they want to be transparent and wanted to share with the Commission that they have the Grant amounts that they will be giving to the Emergency Managers and First Responders along the route to allocate these funds based on their individual needs. The grant will be \$50,000 plus an additional \$1,000/mile of pipeline in your county. The first installment of \$10,000 will be deposited to a South Dakota Bank in short order, and the remaining funds will be disbursed once all requisite federal, state and local permits for the pipeline are secured. In addition to the grant, Summit plans to continue to work with first responders to identify and support response equipment needs.

Jim Seurer with Glacial Lakes Energy came to provide a short update from Glacial Lakes Energy perspective. Jim shared that he received a call from a reputable source with whom they have collaborated with for many years. This person was providing an update and wanted to inquiry in their interest in forming a joint venture to construct a sustainable aviation fuel production facility at the Mina plant. They are highly interested in this plant mainly because of the 210 million gallons of ethanol that are currently produced between the Aberdeen and Mina. This is in preliminary planning stages they have had discussions with major airlines, who are willing to sign-off and take agreements has already occurred. The airlines are looking to lower their CI scores using through carbon capture and sequestration. The Summit project would lower the CI score by almost 50% at each plant. Jim feels the 2 local area plants would be in a competitive market position to meet the airlines sub-stability levels. He also stated the caller said without this project an opportunity like this will likely have to go somewhere else. Jim asked the Commission to think about this because he believes this can and will happen; several places were looked at including Watertown, which was not picked. They selected 2 plants – Brown & Edmunds County – they see the opportunity to select 1 owner (Glacial Lakes Energy) with 2 locations within 12 miles of each other so the production facility can be more efficient and feels this is a real opportunity to lead into a larger energy market and reward the local economy into the future.

Ed Fischbach asked where the grant money was coming from, and Kylie Lange stated it is coming from Summits funds.

WEED & PEST BOARD:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and appoint Dennis Feickert to the Weed & Pest Board to replace Bill Donaldson, who was injured in a car accident and unable to fulfill his duties at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SD DOT 511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICE LIAISON:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve Scott Meints, Brown County Emergency Management Director to be the SD DOT 511 Traveler Information Service Liaison and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for permission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy suggested to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into Executive Session for contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

FORKLIFT PURCHASE:

Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the quotes she had last week, because when she got to her office after the meeting, she had another quote in her inbox and wanted to present that to the Commission since it is cheaper and from a local vendor. Rachel is recommending a 2021 Viper FY25BCS Propane Lift Truck, with 742 Hours @ \$18,750.00 from JGE. Commissioner Dennert moved to rescind the motion to purchase the 2019 Unicarriers with 700 hours from Forklifts of MN, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve purchasing the 2021 Viper FY25BCS Propane Lift Truck, with 742 Hours @ \$18,750.00 with a \$500 trade in from JGE, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RENTAL HOUSE:

Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met to further discuss the Rental House with the Commission. Commissioner Sutton shared that the Web water for the Youth Camp goes through that house, so would need to keep the house heated to prevent freezing and when house is moved would need to figure out a new configuration, so it doesn't freeze then as well. After some discussion it was decided to advertise and accept sealed bids with a right to reject and have a deadline of next June to have it moved. Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy will work in the bid specs and present it at the meeting on October 17th. Ross also suggested setting up a couple of Open Houses for people to view the property.

NACo RECOMMENDATION FOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC LAND COUNTIES:

Chairman Sutton shared that NACo is asking for 1% of the funds Brown County received from the US Treasury, which would be \$1,000.00: Brown County received \$100,000.00 in total. This would support the NACo initiative to establish the National Center for Public Land Counties and is a one-time investment. Commissioner Wiese shared that he feels NACo is a good investment, and they do a lot of good things, and this is focusing on counties with public lands and there are issues that come up occasionally. Chairman Sutton also stated that he has a lot of respect for what NACo does and their programs are strictly for the benefit of counties. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim to approve the \$1,000.00 contribution to NACo for the National Center for Public Lands, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll:

Claims: Insurance: Claims Associates \$3,000.00. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$125.63; Dakota Wood-Grinding Inc \$46,734.80; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$222.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$13,410.00; Helms & Associates \$2,552.40; Kristi Brandt \$234.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$342.52; Minn-Kota Communications, Inc \$6,450.00; Sanford Health Occupational Health \$1,575.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,725.75; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$70.25; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$291.80; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00. Publishing: Dakota Country \$1,530.00; Lee Agri-Media \$477.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$15,360.00. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$276.00; B&B Contracting, Inc \$19,869.02; Climate Control \$1,514.09; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$39.31; Dakota Electronics \$240.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$1,924.29; Graham Tire Inc \$1,889.28; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$535.82; K&S Plumbing, Inc 2,738.17; Kirk's Auto \$26.90; Lawson Products, Inc \$84.35; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$2,891.92; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$9,332.07; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$178.85; Sewer

Duck, Inc \$85.00; Sign Solutions USA, LLC \$9,152.31; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$81.62; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$4,730.76. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$57,956.42; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$15.28; Auto Value Aberdeen \$331.35; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$874.20; Butler Machinery Company \$1,096.83; Century Business Products \$336.63; Charm-Tex, Inc \$88.74; Cole Paper Inc \$48.73; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$5,000.58; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$44.73; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$719.74; Dakota Oil \$398.60; DSS Image Apparel \$860.00; Fastenal Company \$74.39; Geffdog Designs \$2,339.10; Great Western Tire \$24,305.70; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$215.90; Kessler's \$123.86; Lawson Products, Inc \$956.02; Lynn Zacher \$161.67; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply \$101.19; Menards \$315.68; Myers Tire-Salt Lake City #20 \$100.02; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$60.00; PharmChem, Inc \$341.55; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$15,000.00; RDO Equipment Co \$5,432.42; Reporter & Farmer \$975.00; Rinker Materials \$20,527.44; Tri State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$8,081.69. Travel & Conference: Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals & Events \$245.00. Utilities: Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$12,964.63; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$130.81; Town of Frederick \$80.34; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$126.08. Machinery & Equipment: Karl Chevrolet \$124,456.50; Lamb Chevrolet and Implement Inc \$47,914.00. Jury: Jurors \$921.50. Fair Premiums: Abby Wagner \$150.19; Abigail Johnson \$28.33; Ada Sharp \$30.00; Adelyn Quinn \$10.00; Aidan Grupe \$136.79; Andrew Moe \$360.19; Anisten Petersen \$236.79; Anna Johnson \$20.00; Arlowyn Spencer \$30.00; Arther Eichler \$350.00; Arthur Nelson \$402.60; Ashlyn Rathert \$125.00; Ayalyn Crary \$15.00; Barb Crawford \$10.00; Barb Kumpf \$15.00; Bevin Bertsche \$823.58; Blair Wasland \$88.57; Blake Pauli \$586.79; Brad Ellefson \$15.00; Brantley Belden \$24.08; Brenda Hanson \$15.00; Briggston Bertsche \$223.58; Carley Crist \$313.34; Carol Hilgemann \$15.00; Carol Osterman \$10.00; Carson Eichler \$156.23; Cassidy Hardie \$306.23; Chancey Kessler \$74.53; Char Akkerman \$25.00; Charlee Holt \$336.79; Charleston Wachter \$51.96; Charli Rawden \$329.81; Chloe Jager \$173.58; Colin Frey \$598.85; Cort Paulson \$198.72; Coy Stephenson \$182.74; Crystal Bohle \$15.00; Cutler Schaunaman \$86.79; Daline Gellhaus \$15.00; Damian Larson \$12.90; Danielle Houghtaling \$157.19; Danyelle Schnabel \$16.67; David Juntunen \$29.02; Deb Droog \$30.00; Dee Sanderson \$15.00; Deegan Moes \$138.87; Dusty Fuller \$219.81; Emily Greenbaum \$25.00; Erica Juntunen \$31.12; Ethan Andresen \$156.49; Evangeline Wachter \$17.32; Gale Anderson \$25.00; Gayle Osman \$15.00; Georgia Wachter \$34.64; Gina Malsam \$10.00; Glenn Ringgenberg \$310.71; Grady Wasland \$310.71; Gwyn Fischbach \$40.00; Haden Harder \$36.11; Hadley Flogstad \$141.67; Hailey Heinje \$30.00; Hailey Pauli \$336.79; Hank Paulson \$404.55; Harmony Dorsets \$369.76; Hudson Eichler \$298.15; Hunter Kern \$48.59; Hunter Miller \$10.00; Iggy Fuller \$3.22; Isaiah Sharp \$30.00; Jacie Fogarty \$410.73; Jackson Cihak \$6.45; Jacob Jung \$208.52; James Dragt \$144.48; Janet Wright \$230.42; Jean Gerber \$10.00; Jeremy Cox \$25.00; Jill Johnson \$23.33; Jocelyn Wagner \$144.45; Jonathan Moe \$270.38; Justin Klootwyk \$156.23; Kanin Wasland \$387.73; Karly Allison \$310.06; Katelyn Dorsey \$51.96; Kathryn Kilber \$263.78; Kaylee White \$136.79; Kimberly Kulesa \$10.00; Kristine Calva \$15.00; Kylie Herman \$15.00; Lauren Griesse \$17.36; LeAnn Conn \$15.00; Lexi Osterman \$348.57; Linda Yates \$10.00; Liza Krueger \$427.98; Maggie Holt \$260.37; Mallory Schnabel \$90.12; Margo Wachter \$11.55; Mary Anne Whitman \$15.00; Melissa Denelsbeck \$15.00; Merrick Gemar \$310.71; Michael Kwasniewski \$15.00; Mike Frey \$148.72; Miranda Hanson \$69.44; Natylee Hockenbrock \$3.33; Nella Thompson \$15.00; Nolan Eichler \$231.49; Norman Johnson \$21.67; Pat Fritz-Bruckner \$247.15; Pat James \$30.00; Paxtyn Moes \$12.04; Peggy Hallstrom \$30.00; Peyton Bischoff \$289.76; Peyton Schnabel \$138.87; Preston Hinkleman \$96.30; Rachel Gemar \$225.67; Raymond Thorpe \$166.54; Remington Smith \$86.79; Richard Haberman \$787.85; Ricky Larson \$12.90; Robert Pechar \$25.00; Ron Loeschke \$15.00; Ron Lyren \$10.00; Ron Wolff \$316.20; Ryan Crist \$155.00; Ryder Juntunen \$63.69; Samantha Hockenbrock \$25.00; Samuel Fogarty \$3.74; Shaden Muller \$301.96; Sidney Anderson \$621.68; Sienna Kessler \$86.79; Sophia Feickert \$86.79; Sophia Fogarty \$127.07; Stetson Stearns \$72.23; Sydney Holmes \$150.30; Tamrin Rathert \$44.85; Tanner Grupe \$86.79; Tate McGraw \$23.09; Taylor McGraw \$46.42; Terry Salfrank \$15.00; Tigh Hardie \$69.44; Treyvin Griesse \$86.79; Tristan Gosch \$86.79; Tye McGraw \$23.34; Tyler Heinje \$156.23; Vanessa Barondeau \$15.00; Will Bruckner \$274.15; Wyatt Burggraff \$128.35; Wyatt Holmes \$17.32.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,411.31; SA \$33,513.20; Maintenance \$11,292.45; DOE \$15,062.49; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,266.10; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$8,974.46; HR \$4,115.22; Sheriff \$47,175.81; Jail \$61,525.48; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$7,001.86; JDC \$30,555.44; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,612.60; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,561.13; Fair Board \$4,107.22; 4-H \$786.79; W & P \$5,530.95; P & Z \$8,224.75; Hwy \$53,576.49; Dispatch \$36,809.80; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,590.78; Landfill \$20,634.04; Meal Benefits \$216.00; FICA \$25,222.46; Medicare \$5,898.83 and Discovery_HSA \$1,739.78. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Transfer of Kandi Shantz from FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer to PT Brown County Jail Detention Officer, starting wage \$16.76; effective September 17, 2023; Resignation of Michael Ellerbush, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective October 3, 2023; Request to fill: Hiring of Angela Senger, PT Brown County Transport Driver, starting wage \$23.97/hour; effective October 4, 2023; Hiring of Jerome Akin, FT Brown County Highway Truck Driver, starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective October 23, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE FAIR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge receipt of revenue generated at Centennial Village for 2023 in the amount of \$16,264.80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 4th quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for September 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Auditor Heupel shared with the Commission that she had contacted Rod Fortin, with Department of Legislative Audits to see if we could have the 2022 and 2023 Fiscal Year audits done in Spring of 2024 and then get back on track to yearly audits. Rod Fortin stated it was up to the governing board, but he didn't see a problem with that. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to have the 2022 and 2023 Fiscal Year Audits done in the Spring of 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:38 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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