
Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Board Meeting

Item 1

9:00am Agenda and Consent Agenda

Approve the Minutes from February 28, 2014

Staff Contact:

Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting January 28, 2014

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: Steve Rohlfing, Lance Wetzel, Dave Gliszinski, John King and Joe Connolly. Also present were Darrell Pettis and Brent Christian.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Wetzel and unanimously approved, the Board approved the amended agenda for the business of the day.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board approved the consent agenda:

- Approved the January 21, 2014 County Board Minutes and Summary Minutes and Minutes from the January 14, 2014 German – Jefferson Sewer District Public Hearing

Kathy Brockway, Environmental and P&Z Director came before the Board with one Request for Action.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by King and approved via roll call vote 5-0, the Board accepted the Environmental Assessment Worksheet to start the mandatory 30-day public comment period per State Statue for **OMG MIDWEST DBA SMC, MANKATO MN, (APPLICANT); LUNDIN FAMILY LLC, MADISON LAKE, MN, (OWNER):** Request that the County grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow mineral extraction of approximately 89 acres in a Conservancy “C”, Agricultural “A” Industrial “I” and Special Protection “SP” District, Shanaska Creek. Property is located in Sections 28 & 33, Kasota Township.

On motion by King, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved via roll call vote 5-0, the Board approved the following Ordinance for the German Jefferson Subordinate Sewer District:

LE SUEUR COUNTY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WITHIN THE GERMAN-JEFFERSON SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS Le Sueur County (herein after known as the County) is obligated under state law to regulate subsurface sewage treatment systems in (SSTS) unincorporated portions of the County;

WHEREAS The County has incrementally advanced its regulation of SSTS to meet growing development pressures in the County, particularly in shore land areas;

WHEREAS the County established the German-Jefferson Subordinate Service District (herein after known as the District) to address an area with a high density of known and suspected wastewater concerns within the County;

WHEREAS the wastewater concerns within the District have the potential to impact public health and water quality;

WHEREAS, the County adopted interim SSTs standards to address known problems within the District;

WHEREAS a voluntary SSTs inventory program was initiated within the District on March 29, 2011 that resulted in participation of 51% of households in the District;

WHEREAS the voluntary inventory program validated the County's wastewater concerns within the District; and

WHEREAS an inspection process is the necessary next step in the incremental approach to addressing wastewater concerns within the District by creating a complete inventory and a timeline for compliance.

NOW THEREFORE, the Le Sueur County Board hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The District was established for the purpose of addressing wastewater issues around German and Jefferson Lakes. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish an inspection process in order to inventory the wastewater treatment systems within the District and create a timeframe for compliance.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

Certificate of Compliance: A document, written after a compliance inspection, from an Inspector, certifying that an ISTS is in compliance with the applicable requirements of Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7080 to 7083, as amended and Section 17 of the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance at the time of the inspection.

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Department: The Le Sueur County Department of Environmental Services.

District: The German-Jefferson Subordinate Service District established by the Le Sueur County Board.

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Jefferson-German Lakes Septic Inventory Project-JGSIP: The voluntary Jefferson-German Lakes Septic Inventory Project (JGSIP) initiated on March 29, 2011 by Le Sueur County within the boundaries of the Jefferson- German Subordinate Service District.

Licensed Business: A business that designs, installs or maintains, repairs, pumps, operates, or inspects SSTS.

MPCA: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; referred to as “the Agency” throughout this Ordinance.

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SECTION 3. Permits Required.

It is unlawful for any person to construct, install, modify, replace, or operate an SSTS without the appropriate permit from the Department. The issuing of any zoning permit, variance, or conditional use under the provisions of this Ordinance shall not absolve the applicant of responsibility to obtain any other required permit.

SECTION 4. Inspection and Report Required. No later than December 31, 2015, all SSTS's within the District shall be inspected by an Inspector and an Inspection Report shall be furnished to the Le Sueur County Environmental Services Department. The inspection shall be completed at each property owner's sole expense.

SECTION 5. Exemptions from Inspection. No Compliance Inspection is required for an SSTS that:

1. Had a valid Certificate of Compliance issued after March 29, 2008; or
2. Was inspected as part of the JGSIP.

SECTION 6. Inspector Requirements. All Compliance Inspections must be performed by an Inspector, in accordance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7082.0700, as amended from time to time.

SECTION 7. Inspection Report Requirements. The Inspection Report must include and follow the instructions on the most current version of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Compliance Inspection Form for existing SSTS. The Inspection Report must also include the Le Sueur County Certification Form, signed and sworn by an Inspector.

SECTION 8. Administrative Search Warrant. The County reserves the right to seek an administrative search warrant after December 31, 2015, to perform a Compliance Inspection of any property within the District for which a Inspection Report or Certificate of Compliance has not been provided.

SECTION 9. Service Charge Against Uninspected Properties. The County reserves the right to impose a service charge of \$1,000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 375B.09 for any property for which an Inspection Report or Certificate of Compliance has not been provided by December 31, 2015.

SECTION 10. Compliance Deadline. No later than December 31, 2017, all non-compliant SSTs shall be upgraded, repaired, or replaced in compliance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080, as amended and Section 17 of the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 11. Penalties. Any property owner who has failed to upgrade, repair, or replace a non-compliant SSTs by December 31, 2017 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person or entity who violates any provision of this Ordinance or makes any false statement in any document required to be submitted under this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 12. Severability. In the event any provision or part of this Ordinance is determined to be void or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.
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Cindy Westerhouse, Human Resources Director came before the Board with three requests for Board approval.

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Darrell Pettis, Administrator/Engineer came before the Board with two resolutions for the City of Le Sueur TAP Project.

On motion by King, seconded by Wetzel and unanimously approved, the Board approved the following resolutions for the Le Sueur TAP Project:

Be it resolved that Le Sueur County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a" Transportation Alternatives" project identified as City of Le Sueur Pedestrian Ramp Replacement Project and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Be it further resolved that the City of Le Sueur is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of the sponsoring agency.

WHEREAS: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS: Transportation Alternatives projects receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS: the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with alternative funds, this requirement should be applied to the project proposer; and

WHEREAS: Le Sueur County is the sponsoring agency for the Transportation Alternatives project identified as the City of Le Sueur Pedestrian Ramp Replacement Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the sponsoring agency hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned Transportation Alternatives project.

On motion by Connolly, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Commissioner King to the Le Sueur - Waseca Joint Powers Board.

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ATTEST:

Le Sueur County Administrator

Le Sueur County Chairman

**Summary Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday January 28, 2013**

This is only a summary publication per MN Statutes 375.12 and 331A.01 sub. 10. The complete minutes are on file in the Le Sueur County Administrator's Office at 88 S Park Ave. Le Center, MN and are available at www.co.le-sueur.mn.us.

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