Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

August 25, 2011

At 6:15 p.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, David Schwartz, Craig Neys and Mark Klose answered roll call. The purpose of this meeting was consideration of an emergency declaration for road related damages since July 20, 2011.

Jerry Bergquist, 9-1-1 Coordinator/Emergency Manager, reported that damages to roads since July 20, 2011 would not qualify for FEMA funds. These damages were not part of the spring 2011 damages so they could not be included within that event. The Road Department had reviewed three sites. $277,000 was the estimate of damages for these sites. Steel County had estimated damages of $588,000. Foster and Wells Counties had not estimated their damages. Damages in excess $1.0 million were necessary before the State would consider submitting a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. The dikes and damages within Jamestown were still considered part of the spring 2011 event.

Bergquist indicated that there was no guarantee that a new declaration would be made, but without a local disaster declaration there was no possibility that it would be even considered. If a new declaration was made, FEMA funding would pay 75% and the State 10% of any costs for repairs. The local match would be 15%. A motion was made by Ova seconded by Schwartz to declare an emergency and order the activation and utilization of the Combined Emergency Operations Plan for Stutsman County. Roll call vote – Ova, Marks, Schwartz, Neys and Klose voted aye.

Bergquist presented a map showing the locations of dikes in Jamestown that would be constructed in order to increase combined releases from the Pipestem and Jamestown Reservoir to 2,400 cfs. The forecast of total water that has been and will be released from the dams would be between 800,000 and 900,000 acre-feet; almost double the previous historical high. Releases may have to continue into the winter.

Neys made a motion seconded by Schwartz to adjourn. At 6:27 p.m. the special meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A Johnson	Mark T. Klose
County COO (Auditor)	Commission Chairman