

November 6, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00 am.

Chairman Dahl of the Water Management board called the meeting to order. Chairman Dahl called the meeting to order. Present were managers Dahl and Lukens, Commissioners Olson, Wakefield and Pedersen, Lonnie Fiebiger, Frank Heinz, Jim Zimprich, Leslie Pratt, Robert Fors, Larry Ressler, Mark Ressler, Nancy & Lowell Helland, David Vincent, Loren Alfson, Gary Ethen, Keith Adrian, Kevin & Betty Tweed, Stacy Liljenquist, Henry Zimprich, Thomas Anderson, Kurt Tompkins of USFWS, Scott Liljenquist, Norman Tafelmeyer, Randy Ressler, Ryan Ressler, Bryan Ressler, and David Heinz.

There was discussion on the situation of Lake Jessie and surrounding areas where water was currently running. Currently there is 33.5 inches between the levels of Lake Jessie and Addie.

The question was raised about funding from the Water Board. The Board doesn't have the funds to fix everyone's problems in the county, but they can facilitate any project that landowners want to help fund. Townships might also have some funds to assist. Commissioner Wakefield mentioned that Griggs County has been declared a disaster area and there is the possibility of FEMA funds becoming available at a later date. But, FEMA reimburses funds to repay repairs and maintenance that has already been completed.

There was discussion on culverts that are open and where water is moving and where cattails are stopping the flow. There was discussion on who has jurisdiction over Lake Jessie, if it was either the state or federal. Commissioner Wakefield brought up the issue of would authorize lowering the level of Lake Jessie.

Manager Lukens read through the process of a Snag & Clear District. There was discussion on a Snag & Clear project versus a legal drain. Commissioner Wakefield thought the best long-term solution would be a legal drain that would affect and benefit everyone.

There was more discussion on the issues of Lake Jessie and surrounding areas, getting surveys done, and getting engineers involved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am and the County Commission will meet in regular session on Friday, November 8th at 2:30 pm.

ATTEST: Madison Wallace
Deputy Auditor

Troy Olson
Chairman