



Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS January 3, 2022

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 3, 2022. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Earl McNutt called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Earl McNutt, Cayla Richards and Randy Dean. McNutt informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes; McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Chairman McNutt offered the floor for citizens' comments. No one was present.

Earl McNutt recessed the Board meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Cayla Richards called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Cayla Richards, Earl McNutt and Randy Dean. Richards informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Dack presented a motor vehicle exemption application for Goodwill Industry. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by McNutt, to approve the motor vehicle exemption for Goodwill Industry. Roll Call: Ayes: Richards, McNutt, Dean.

Dack also presented four tax roll corrections for 2021. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dean, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 5 which left the tax rolls the same, tax Roll Correction No. 6 which left the tax rolls the same, tax Roll Correction No. 7 which decreased the tax rolls by \$216.26 and tax Roll Correction No. 8 which increased the tax rolls by \$216.28. Roll Call: Ayes: Richards, McNutt, Dean.

Chairman Richards adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:21 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:21 a.m.

The annual reorganization of the Board was held.

A motion was made Dean, seconded by Richards, to appoint County Clerk Tami Teel to run the reorganization of the county board. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to elect Earl McNutt as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. and that the Chairman delegates his authority to the Vice-Chairman in his absence. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to elect Randy Dean as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to elect Randy Dean as Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by McNutt, to elect Cayla Richards as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to elect Earl McNutt as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by McNutt, to elect Cayla Richards as Vice-Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control Board. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of County board members to miscellaneous committees and boards. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to approve the appointments as follows:

Earl McNutt:

County Health Board,

Fair Board,

Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc., and

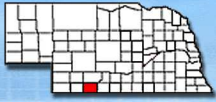
REWARD Board of Directors;

Cayla Richards:

McCook Economic Development Committee,

City/County Cooperation Committee,

Nebraska County Extension Board,



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Veteran's Service Committee,
County Visitors' Committee, and
Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee;

Randy Dean:
RC&D Board,
Region II Governing Board,
Planning/Zoning Committee,
E-911 Committee, and
Hillcrest Nursing Home Board

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean to nominate the Board Members to the different positions for representation. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as road superintendent for 2022. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to reappoint Alan Kotschwar as the Emergency Manager for 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Jiles Bowman as the Fair Board Manager for 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to reappoint Josh Mullen as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Brandy Bird as the County Health Director for 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2022 at the recommended compensation, and authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2022 and the Red Willow County website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to adopt Resolution No. 1448, Book 23, Page 37, designating the following banks as depositories for Red Willow County for calendar year 2022: MNB Bank, Pinnacle, Horizon, First Central, Adams Bank & Trust of Indianola, and State Bank of Bartley, as well as NPAIT. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$59,400.13, 3) Resolution No. 1447, Book 23, Page 36 approving the final plat of the Ruggles Subdivision, 4) Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

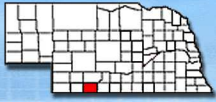
Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. She has been the Director for ten years now. The working relationship between herself, the MEDC and the Chamber has grown and developed. The last two years have been challenging because of COVID; however, people are wanting to go to places where the population is smaller, which helps us. The lodging taxes are up 18% from last year at this time. Schlegel has been organizing the Red Willow County Birding Challenge. She did go ahead and have the Prairie Chicken Tours last year. The tours have sold out for several years.

Deputy County Clerk Penny Clerk and Treasurer Crystal Dack were present when the Board discussed the spread of COVID in the County Offices. Cooper stated that COVID is not going to go away. Some employees have had to quarantine more than once and some have had COVID more than once. This causes the offices to work short of employees and the work still has to get done. Suggestions were made on how to handle this problem.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the miscellaneous accounts payable claims.

The Clerk of District Court's report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:



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Modern Farm Equipment \$23,500.00 Regional Care Inc \$35,900.13 Total \$59,400.13.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:55 a.m. to January 10, 2022.

Earl McNutt _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Cayla Richards _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel _____
County Clerk