

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was present. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on Jan. 4, 2024. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

The meeting was duly called to order and Chairman Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The Minutes of Dec. 29, 2023 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

As per state statute, appointments and designations for the year are made. Clerk Cynthia Evans called for the election of a chairman. Commissioner Bader nominated Terry Lerdall for Chairman. Clerk Evans called for the nominations three times. There were no further nominations. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to cease the nominations and appoint Terry Lerdall as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Clerk Evans turned the meeting over to Chairman Lerdall. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to appoint Bader as Vice-Chairperson of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners; to appoint Hofman as representative to the Board of West Central Area Agency on Aging and representative to the Region II committees; to appoint Lerdall as the representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the alternate representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the representative to the Gosper County Extension Board; to appoint Lerdall as the Chairman of the Noxious Weed Board; to appoint Bruce Bader and Verlouis Forster as Gosper County's representative to the NE Cooperative Lottery Board; to appoint Hofman to the Two Rivers Public Health Dept; to appoint Lerdall to the West Central Nebraska Development District. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to designate the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE as the legal newspaper to publish Gosper County's legal notices and Commissioners' Minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to designate the Gosper County website (<https://gospercountyne.gov/>) for posting notices of Commissioner meeting dates on the calendar. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader seconded by Hofman to approve four Applications for Investment/Depositories of Funds for year 2024 from Security First Bank; Pinnacle Bank, NPAIT and NFIT Union Bank & Trust for Gosper County funds. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Investment of County Funds by the County Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to appoint Michael J. Snyder as Gosper County Highway Superintendent, License Number S-920, Class A, as an employee. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to appoint Wayne Dietz as Gosper County Surveyor. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to appoint Marty Craig as Gosper County Weed Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Marty Craig, Dawson/Gosper Weed Superintendent was present and submitted five annual reports. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Nebraska Noxious Weed Strategy, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Activity Report, Noxious Weed Infestation Report and Budget Report. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board approved Chairman Lerdall to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Gosper County. The MOU allows for the County to continue the use of the web-based database "VetraSpec" for 2 years.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of December 2023. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for October through December 2023. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Calvin Devries, 4-H Educator was present and gave an update on the hiring of an Extension Office Manager.

The Board reviewed an email from the State Auditor's office regarding the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. The rate has increased from .655 to .67 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2024. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to reimburse mileage at the rate of .67 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Lerdall, "Nay" Bader, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Snyder was present and gave a road report.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be January 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.