

April 5, 2022

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street and Tostenson were present. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the March 15 and 22, 2022, meetings as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Street to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Scott Johnson, Jessy Johnson, David Zirbel, Jevon Zirbel, Adam Hunt, Richard Schweer and Jim DeVaal. Staff members present were States Attorney Schwandt and Drainage Officer Berkner.

Chairman Stengel called for public comment for any items not listed on the agenda. There were not any comments offered. Chairman Stengel closed the public comment period.

Drainage: Chairman Stengel adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board.

Permit DR2022-04 for Scott Johnson for property owned by Scott and Donna Johnson for land located in the SW1/4; W1/2SE1/4; N1/2 LYING S OF RR RTY EX PT SOLD, and the E1/2SE1/4 EX 4.18 A & EX RTY in 21-118-48 (Adams West Twp). Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve Permit DR2022-04. Drainage Officer Berkner reported the project area is 375 acres with the tile pattern affecting 314 acres. There are two runs that go around the Town of Reville. This pattern of drainage was established about 10 years ago to prevent flooding of the town. The one runs goes north and then east along the county road ditch on 161st Street. The other run goes northeast on the south side of Reville. The two runs merge by the town's lagoons. There are not any inlets for this permit. The tile pipe is a 10 inch and a 12 inch. The maximum flow of a double wall pipe at a .1% grade is 340 gallons and 550 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. Section 101 is answered in the affirmative. Sections 313 and 317 of the ordinances supports the affirmative answers from Section 101.

The applicant stated the project would be helpful to all involved including the town.

Commissioner Street expressed a concern he had received from a farmer. The question asked is who will clean the run along the county road and states there is a chokepoint by the old substation because of the remaining pilings left in the ground.

Commissioner Tostenson asked for clarification on who is responsible for the maintenance of the ditch before the county agrees to clean the ditch and questioned if this is setting a precedence. He also questioned if the blue line would be breached by the lagoons.

Supt Schultz stated this a county FSA road, and the county has a 50-foot ROW. The trees are located outside the ROW. The pilings could be removed.

Commissioner Mach questioned if Ottertail should be contacted to remove the pilings.

The applicant offered to help with the removal of the pilings.

Commissioner Tostenson brought forth adding a condition of having the county clean the ROW and take out the pilings all within the ROW and any remaining ditch cleaning would be the responsibility of the applicant and the landowner. There was not a second. Motion failed.

Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. The cleaning of the ditch will be a discussion between the Hwy Supt, the applicant, and the landowners. Chairman Stengel called for those in favor of granting permit DR2022-04 to say aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-05 for Scott Johnson for land owned by Scott and Donna Johnson for land located in the NE1/4 EX ROAD in 28-118-48, Adams West Township.

Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve permit DR2022-05.

Drainage Officer Berkner reported this permit is located south of the previous permit. The project is 53 acres and has a 5-inch and a 10-inch outlet. There are not any inlets. The projected flow of a double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 395 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. The questions in section 101 in the ordinance were answered in the affirmative and section 313 and 317 also supports the affirmative with clarification of not being able to determine the effects on wildlife.

The applicant stated the outlets go into a natural run and a grass waterway and flows northeast to merge with another run by the town's lagoons. The land is saturated, the lowlands are being tiled to improve the land.

Commissioner Tostenson appreciated the applicant is addressing only the lowlands in the field with the tile. Commissioner Mach asked if there is standing water in the field after a two inch rain. The applicant responded no.

Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-06 for Jevon Zirbel for property owned by Zirbel Brothers, LLC, for land located in the S1/2SE1/4 in 5-121-52, Blooming Valley Township. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2022-06. Drainage Officer Berkner stated this is the first of five permits for the Zirbel's today. The tile pattern affects 35 acres. There is not an inlet. The outlet is a 12-inch pipe. There are two proposed outlets. A determination has not been made on the outlet yet. One plan for an outlet is to cross a township road. This would require signatures from the township supervisors. The other plan for an outlet would be on adjacent land into a natural waterway. The signature from the landowner would need to be obtained. Whichever way they decide to install the outlet, the tile would be 12-inch. For a double wall pipe at a .1% grade the rate of flow would be 550 gallons per minute at full capacity. Drainage Officer Berkner reported he had received one phone call from Janice Letze. She had stated she is not against the project and the Zirbel Brothers are good stewards of the land.

There was not any public comment. Chairman Stengel called for Commission discussion.

Commissioner Street asked why a 35-acre tile project would need a 12-inch tile outlet. Jevon explained it is for a future planned tiling project.

Commissioner Tostenson stated he had been onsite to review all the Zirbel permits on today's agenda. He appreciated that the entire parcel is not being tiled; only the areas that need tile to improve crop production. The soil in these applications is a sandy soil. The areas being tiled are a heavier weight soil. He also commented there is irrigated land in this area of the permit and if any neighbors had concerns with the water table. The answer was no.

Commissioner Street asked what mainstream the water flows into. The answer was the Big Sioux. Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-07 for Jevon Zirbel for property owned by Zirbel Brothers, LLC, for land located in N1/2SW1/4 in 3-121-52, Blooming Valley Township. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Street to approve Permit DR2022-07. Drainage Officer Berkner reported this permit is also for 35 acres. There is a ten-inch outlet pipe located in the SE corner of the project. The outlet is in a natural drain going into the Big Sioux. There are not any inlets. The projected flow of a double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 340 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. The questions in section 101 in the ordinance were answered in the affirmative and sections 313 and 317 also supports the affirmative answers under SDCL 46A-10A-20.

The applicant stated the tiling pattern is to improve the farm ground. There were not any public comments. There were no additional comments from the Board. Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-08 for Jevon Zirbel for property owned by Zirbel Brothers, LLC, for land located in S1/2NE1/4 & LOTS 1&2 in 5-121-52, and in the NW1/4 in 4-121-52 in Blooming Valley Township. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve Permit DR2022-08. Drainage Officer Berkner noted this permit drains to the SE into the Big Sioux. The project tiles 40 acres. There are not any inlets. There is a 12-inch outlet. The projected flow of a double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 550 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. The second outlet is an eight-inch outlet. The projected flow of a double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 185 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. All questions from Sections 101, 313 and 317 support an affirmative response.

The applicant stated this project is to improve the farm ground. There were not any public comments.

Commissioner Street remarked this project is next to the Roberts County line and asked if there would be any tiling done in Roberts County. The applicant stated they do not own the land on the other side of the line. Commissioner Tostenson asked to have it noted in the minutes that section 307 of the Ordinance addresses all the parcels in this permit package of the Zirbel Brothers. Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-09 for Jevon Zirbel for property owned by Zirbel Brothers, LLC, for land located in NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and the S1/2SE1/4 EX LOT 1 OF ZIRBEL ADDN all in 4-121-52 in Blooming Valley Township. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to approve Permit DR2022-09. Drainage Officer Berkner noted the project area is 100 acres with an outlet on the north side of the project and an outlet on the south side. The projected flow of a 12-inch double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 550 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. Section 101 questions under SDCL 46A-10A-20 were answered in the affirmative and supports sections 313 and 317 with the note of not enough information on the effect of wildlife.

The applicant stated this project is to improve the problem areas on the farm ground. He stated the south outlet may not be needed. The north outlet goes into a natural waterway and across land they own. There was not any public comment.

Commissioner Tostenson asked Drainage Officer Berkner if the applicant would need to sign on page two of the application since the outlet is on land they own, and the answer was yes.

Chairman Stengel asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-10 for Jevon Zirbel for property owned by Zirbel Brothers, LLC, for land located in the NW1/4 and NE1/4 both in 8-121-52 and in the NW1/4 in 9-121-52 Blooming Valley Township. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve Permit DR2022-10. Drainage Officer Berkner noted the tile pattern is on the west side of the parcel. The project area is approximately 100 acres with one outlet being a 12-inch outlet. The projected flow of a 12-inch double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 550 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. The second outlet is an eight-inch pipe. The projected flow of a 8-inch double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 185 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. The tile maps are good, but as in all projects the tile pattern may change once pipes are being dug in. Section 101 under SDCL 46A-10A-20 questions were answered in the affirmative and supports sections 313 and 317 with the note of not enough information on the effect of wildlife.

Chairman Stengel asked the applicants for comments; they replied they are just putting in laterals to fix the low ground areas to improve their farm ground. There were not any public comments. Drainage Office Berkner noted Janice Letze had called with questions but stated the Zirbel's were good land stewards.

Commissioner Mach asked if the sandy soil goes into the tile line. He reminded the applicants to file the final tile pattern with the drainage officer. He also commented on the number of acres being tiled. Commissioner Street remarked a sock is put on the tile to catch the sandy soil. Commissioner Tostenson remarked out of the total 980 acres in the parcels there are 310 acres being tiled. Commissioner Stengel remarked the tile patterns do not alter the normal flow of the natural drainage runs and that tile tempers the flow of the water.

Chairman Stengel asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-11 for Adam Hunt for property owned by Ahunt Farm, LLC, for land located in the SE1/4 in 5-118-48 Adams West Township. Motion by Street

and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2022-11. Drainage Officer Berkner stated that the water runs in a northeast direction. There were not any questions or comments from the registered letters mailed out. There are four inlets and six outlets. The parcel of land is 160 acres with the tile pattern covering 120 acres. There is a possible future connection to this project. For the inlets there are four 6-inch, one 5-inch and one 12-inch. The projected flow of a combination of all the pipes based on a single walled pipe is 643 gallons per minute at a .1% grade if running at full capacity. Section 101 under SDCL 46A-10A-20 were answered in the affirmative and sections 313 and 317 do support the affirmative answers in section 101. With the number of inlets, it is difficult to determine the impact to downstream landowners. Commissioner Tostenson asked for a further explanation of the downstream impact. Drainage Officer Berkner explained that does the Board would need to consider if the inlet is a controlled or uncontrolled drain to determine the impact downstream. Commissioner Street remarked the inlet does not increase the maximum gallons per minute. The pipes control the release of water.

The applicant stated he is tiling to make the land easier to farm. The land is flat, saturated, has low spots and the soil is heavy. The wetland determination is prior to 1982 converted. This means a ditch can be put back in and maintained. He would prefer using inlets to control sediments, silt and build up. He has inlets in his application in case they are needed, but he may not use all of them because it is harder to farm around them. The inlets are placed in the low spots because of ponding issues.

Chairman Stengel asked for public comment. There was none. Discussion opened for the Board. Commissioner Tostenson asked for clarification on the two wetland determinations on the field and if the lower portion of the parcel remains in CRP. Commissioner Mach asked if the outlets are even with the ground or above ground and if laterals could be used to drain the water instead of inlets. The applicant remarked that he wants to use the inlets to reduce ponding, but he prefers not to use inlets if they are not needed. Commissioner Tostenson remarked that sediments and contaminants travel down the tile. The Boards preference is more laterals to allow for filtering the water. He would like to move forward without inlets as a condition of the permit. The applicant explained all the outlets go into grass waterways on his land and he explained a ditch can filter out more sediments and pollutants downstream. He does not want to put the inlets in but wants the option during the two-year period of the permit to add the inlet if needed.

Chairman Stengel asked if there were any other questions or comments. Commissioner Tostenson again suggested moving away from inlets and he motioned to condition the permit for no inlets and if inlets are needed to come back for approval. Mach seconded the motion. Chairman Stengel called the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Tostenson and Mach. Voting nay were Street and Buttke. Chairman Stengel cast a nay vote. Motion failed 2 to 3. Chairman Stengel stated the motion to approve is on the floor. Motion carried 4-1 with Tostenson voting nay.

Permit DR2022-12 for Richard Schweer for property owned by Richard and Michelle Schweer for land located in the E1/2SW1/4 and SE1/4 in 17-120-48 in Alban West Township. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2022-12. Drainage Officer Berkner stated this project is east of Milbank and outlets into the waterway that flows from Pribyl Park on the south edge of Milbank. The project area is approximately 180 acres with six inlets and 8 outlets. The projected flow of all the outlets using double wall pipe at a .1% grade would be 1,130 gallons per minute if running at full capacity. A single wall pipe would be 753 gallons per minute. The landowner to the south would like to connect to this project. The natural run flows to the north. Section 101 under SDCL 46A-10A-20 questions were answered in the affirmative and supports sections 313 and 317 with the note of not enough information on the effect of wildlife.

The applicant spoke on improving the farm ground and is presenting what the tiler has recommended. He indicated he had spoken with neighbors, and they spoke in favor of inlets to make the tile project work to full advantage.

Commissioner Street asked how large the ponding areas are. The answer was five to six acres. One inlet could be removed if the fence line was cleaned out to allow the normal flow of water. Commissioner Tostenson spoke in favor of installing additional laterals and asked the applicant to discuss this option with his tiler. Commissioner Stengel questioned if the Board should be re-engineering a project. Commissioner Tostenson asked if the inlet east of the house could be cleaned out. He also asked if the inlet by the cattle yard would drain the cattle yard.

Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve no inlets for this permit. Chairman Stengel called for discussion. Commissioner Street described a French drain which is placing pea rock covered with dirt instead of an inlet. Commissioner Tostenson asked what other option there is instead of an inlet by the cattle yard. Commissioner Street remarked the culvert is on a county road and the culvert is crushed in on the east side of the road. Richard was advised to talk with the Hwy

Supt about the culvert. Chairman Stengel asked for a vote for the motion on the floor to remove the inlets from the permit. Voting in favor of the motion were Tostenson, Mach and Buttke. Voting nay was Street. Motion passed 3-1.

Discussion held on the NRCS designing inlets on projects and having information brought to the Board on this subject. Also, inviting Jay Gilbertson to a meeting to explain the effects of surface drainage or tiling drainage on the aquifer. Chairman Stengel stated the motion on the floor is to approve Permit DR2022-12. Motion carried 5-0. The permit is approved with no inlets. States Attorney Schwandt advised the Board the applicant would need to apply for a new permit to allow inlets.

This concluded the business for the Drainage Board. Chairman Stengel adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened as the Board of Commissioners.

Highway: Supt Schultz presented a right-of-way occupancy application from ITC for the installation of fiber optics in Lura and Mazeppa Townships. Maps showing location of cable installation was provided by ITC. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve ROW 2022-03 occupancy application for ITC as shown on the maps. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual Bid Letting: Supt Schultz presented the bids for consideration from the annual highway bid letting that were received and opened on March 31, 2022, at 1 PM as per the bid notice. The Commission awarded the following bids.

1. Paver Laid Asphalt

Bituminous - Short patches 100' to 1,000' in length \$99.00 per ton. 1-3 miles of Class D asphalt overlay \$74.00 per ton. For Class D Asphalt picked up at plant is \$74.00 per ton.

Duininck - Short patches 100' to 1,000' in length \$172.00 per ton. 1-3 miles of Class D asphalt overlay \$163.00 per ton. For Class D Asphalt picked up at plant is \$85.00 per ton.

Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to accept both bids of Bituminous and Duininck. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Seven Miles of Seal Coating

Bituminous \$295,190.00

Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to accept the bid of Bituminous.

Motion carried 5-0.

3. 3/4" Crushed Gravel/Chips/Sand (per ton)

	Gravel	Chips	Sand
GCC Ready Mix	\$5.25	\$6.50	\$4.50
Roy Stolpman	\$4.60		
Doug Peiker	\$5.50		

Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to accept all the bids from GCC, Stolpman and Peiker. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Pre-stressed Concrete Decking

Concrete Box Culvert

	20'	30'	40'	7X3	8X6	10X4
Forterra	\$3147.00 ea.	\$4373.00 ea.	\$5619.00 ea.	\$435.00	\$512.00	\$524.00

Motion by Street and seconded by Mach to accept the bid of Forterra. Motion carried 5-0.

Supt Schultz noted the County would be purchasing culverts and bridge materials from the Beadle County bid from True North Steel as allowed under State Bid laws.

Banner: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the contract for engineering services with Banner Associates for the construction phase of the cast-in-place box culvert project located on 452nd Avenue (CR 41), bridge 26-030-067 for an estimated fee of \$66,000.00. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to advertise for contractor bids for the culvert project located on 452nd Avenue (CR 41), bridge 26-030-067 with bid opening to be April 28th at 10 AM. Motion carried 5-0.

SDDOT: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to authorize Chairman Stengel to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Agreement with the SD Dept of Transportation for bridge 26-030-067, project number BRO 8026(00)22-3 PCN 08X5 for funding of \$472,000. Motion carried 5-0.

LaBolt Road: Mark Junker from Banner Associates was present to provide information on the rebuild of the LaBolt Road from Hwy 15 going west two miles into LaBolt. Supt Schultz asked if the Commission still intends to apply for the Agri-Business grant on the LaBolt Road. He asked if the asphalt cost should be removed from the grant application. The current plan is to replace the culverts this year. Asst Supt Peterson stated he is planning on replacing three culverts on the Ethanol Plant Road and the two structures on the LaBolt Road this summer at an estimated cost of culvert materials at \$50,000. The question asked by Commissioner Street was if the cost of reconstruction on the two miles into LaBolt could be reduced. The discussion continued on where the county could get the most bang for their dollars, road base ratings, overlay versus a rebuild cost and the

life expectancy on a reconstructed road is 25 years versus seven to nine years on an asphalt overlay.

Mark Junker stated if the LaBolt project asphalt is done by the county the following year after a rebuild, there are maintenance and pothole issues to be dealt with because of the traffic volume. Another option is a full depth reclamation. This would involve grinding the asphalt and mixing it with the base materials to be reapplied and using cement to stabilize the base. After more discussion, there was a motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to rescind the motion from the March 5 meeting to apply for the Agri-Business grant for the LaBolt Road. Motion carried 5-0. The plan is to replace the culverts this year, patch the breakups and then determine when to apply for the grant.

Assistant Supt Peterson explained the plan for entry and exiting the West Con facility on to County Road 19.

Upper MN Watershed Project: Present was District Administrator Amber Doschadis of the Upper MN Watershed who provided an update on the restoration project of the old historic channel. She reported there are not any changes in the design features. The Corp of Engineers is in the process of reviewing the permit. There will also be a public comment period and facts of finding will be published. Request for funding from SD will be in the future. All the land has been purchased on the MN side of the project. This project design will move the ice jams down the restored channel instead of going through the bridge on Hwy 15 as well as the area runoff. The cost of the bridge structure and transportation costs is estimated to be 3.3 million. The river structures along the channel are estimated to cost 1.4 million.

DOE: Kathy Steinlicht met with the Board as part of her annual review of her office as per SDCL 10-3-14. She provided the Commission with a spreadsheet of the 2022 intentions for valuation adjustments being sent to the Dept of Revenue. The average acre of crop land is valued at \$3,047.53 per acre and non-crop land average value per acre is \$1,802.05. Kathy also provided the Commission with the proposed schedule for the reappraisal of the county's buildings. Her plan is to work in Blooming Valley, Farmington, Lura, Marvin, Mazeppa, Osceola and Strandburg in 2022. This area consists of 335 parcels. The Commission thanked Kathy for her work in managing the office.

Weed: Supervisor Nathan Mueller reported on the annual weed meeting. A weed from the pig family was discovered in the county, was cut down and is in a compost pile. Also, discussed were the test plots, weevils, and bio controls. Nathan

reported his office had generated \$48,447.31 in revenue for 2021. The yearend spray report listed a total of 3,708.5 miles were covered for spraying. Chemical cost was \$13,969.89. Nathan reported the Weed Board had given him permission to replace the spray truck. His 2022 budget does have a line item for \$20,000 for truck purchase. He is looking on the surplus website for the replacement truck. He will keep the Commission informed on the truck replacement.

Reports: Treasurer DeVaal reported her office processed 293 motor vehicle titles in March. The elderly and disabled tax freeze applications have been processed and given to the assessor. The amount collected for the administrative fee and the mailing costs for license plate renewals is \$669.05 for the first three months of the year. **ROD:** Becky Wellnitz submitted her report which included the January-March fees collected of \$29,205.75. In March, Vital Records launched a vital records software program update. A new user manual has been distributed. Prior to the launch, training sessions were held and weekly training is ongoing. **EM:** Manager Kevin Schuelke submitted of his report these activities; updating the Local Emergency Operation Plan, storm sirens repaired, 400,000 Covid test kits were made available, attended the SDIMAT conference in Oacoma, Big Stone Fire Dept held a water/ice rescue training, P-25 radio project with programming continues, attended the grain bin engulfment summit in Mitchell, Tier II reports sent to State, weather spotter classes held, storm safety to be presented in the schools, weather awareness education, and the Storm Ready Community application sent to Pierre. **Auditor:** Election training is being held for all staff members, election equipment has been cleaned and tested, the biannual audit for 2019 and 2020 is being completed by Maria Schwader with Legislative Audit, assisted with the annual township association meeting and staff has worked on IT issues with various offices. **4-H:** Advisor Sara Koepke reported the new building is nearing completion and looks great! Sara is working on finishing applications for two building grants. A new beef program is being developed by Sara. The program will go beyond the sale of the animal to include animal carcass evaluation and meat cuts. She is hoping to have the program available next year.

Travel: Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to approve the following travel requests. Motion carried 5-0. 4-H Advisor Koepke: SDAE4-HP & Extension Spring Meeting in Yankton, 4-H Camp at Arlington, State Horse Show in Huron, State Fair in Huron, SDSU Extension Conference in Brookings and NAE4-HYDP Conference in Madison, WI. States Attorney Schwandt: SA Spring Conference in Deadwood. DOE

Steinlicht for annual school in Pierre and for her and Deputy Cameron to attend SDAAO & NCRAAO in Deadwood. Sheriff Deputy Steffensen to attend training in Deadwood. Deputy Sheriff Bowsher to attend training in Sioux Falls. Auditor Layher, Treasurer DeVaal, Deputy Auditors Kathy Folk and Stephanie Pauli to attend Spring Conference in Pierre.

Land Lease Sale: Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to authorize Chairman Stengel to sign the land leases for 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Land Leases:

1. Part of the NW ¼ NW ¼ 33-120-47 (About 15 Acres) Alban Twp. to Mielitz Brothers for \$600.00.
2. S ½ NE ¼ 8-120-51 (40 Acres) Mazeppa Twp. to John Moes for \$1,600.00.

4-H: Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to approve the lease agreement to be used for renting the 4-H complex, livestock building and/or grounds by individuals or groups. Motion carried 5-0. **Change Order:** Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to approve change order #6 in the amount of \$8,671.61 for tile around the new 4-H building. Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Officer: Steve Berkner requested the Commission to review the issue of platting building lots less than two acres in areas of housing developments that are close to towns and cities; as the city may exercise their zoning ordinance within a three-mile limit of the city. He advised, the comprehensive plan or any future change to the zoning ordinance should respect the past developments for subdivisions of housing developments. In addition to lot size, the Commission should also consider yard setbacks for trees and additional building of sheds or garages on these lots.

Auditor: Karen Layher presented the final drawing and quote for office furniture. The cost for u-shaped furniture with lifting computer station, lateral file, two drawer file, overhead storage is \$4,237.00 from Valley Office. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the purchase. Motion carried 5-0.

ARP Funds: Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to allow Karen M. Layher, County Auditor, to elect the final rule allowing to use up to \$10 million of the ARPA Recovery funds as “loss revenue” for the provision of the general government services without needing to use the Treasury recovery loss formula. The County has elected to use salaries and County paid benefits from the General

fund as an expense of the American Rescue Plan in the amount up to 10 million to be reimbursed 4th quarter. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent: Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve contract with MIDCO for Big Stone branch library internet for \$103.94 per month
2. Approve step increase for Cathy Schuelke to 6 months at \$18.20 per hour effective 4-4-2022
3. Approve hiring of Michelle Weber as a Deputy Auditor at \$19.05 effective 4-4-2022
4. Approve hiring of Jody Keyes as Highway Bookkeeper at \$18.20 effective 4-4-2022
5. Approve Weed Supervisor Mueller to sign contract with the State for spraying weeds (\$24,930) and gopher bait contract (\$6,000)
6. Approve Weed Supervisor Mueller to apply for West Nile Prevention Grant – County will receive approximately \$4,500

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Commissioner Buttke reported as part of the 2022 Courthouse budget, the south entrance doors will be replaced at a cost of \$11,335.00. A letter of support was signed by Chairman Stengel for the 2022 Federal Raise Grant for the Sisseton Milbank railroad modernization project.

Correspondence: The Lake Region District meeting will be held in Sisseton on April 21 at noon. Commissioners and officials will be in attendance. The Watertown 911 Center extended an invitation to attend their open house on April 12. Please note one or more Commissioners may be attending.

Claims: Motion by Street and seconded by Mach to approve the claims. Motion carried 5-0. 15 HOTEL GROUP, motel 267.00; ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, mailing expense 24.80; AL'S BODY SHOP, supplies 120.00; AUTOVALUE, supplies 103.33; AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE, DOT testing 195.00; BANNER, hwy proj 377.50; BUTLER MACHINERY, repairs & maint 546.49; CENGAGE LEARNING, books 224.62; CENTER POINT, books 90.75; CHS, gas 2,440.80; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 712.85; CITY OF WATERTOWN, prof services 6,000.00; COLEPAPERS, supplies 301.74; COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY, summer reading prog 465.81; DELORIS RUFER, lib rent 100.00; GRANT COUNTY LIBRARY, reimbursement 257.00; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing & supplies 1,852.05; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; INSIGHT, supplies 627.50; JD POWER, ref books 119.00; LEWIS DRUG, supplies & inmate RX 15.30; MCLEOD'S, supplies 317.45; MICROMARKETING, audio/visuals 128.02; MIDAMERICA BOOKS, books 257.35; MIDCO, internet 86.42; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, supplies

818.59; MILBANK WINWATER WORKS, supplies 49.14; MUNDWILER FUNERAL HOME, prof services 3,825.00; NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, parts 829.10; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 3,662.36; PETERS DISTRIBUTING, minor equip 1,687.54; PETTYCASH, mailing exp 5.77; QUILL, supplies 230.36; R.D. OFFUTT, repair 590.25; RIVER STREET PETROLEUM, ethanol & diesel fuel 10,050.15; ROBERTS CO SHERIFF, inmate housing 2,520.00; RYAN MAGEDANZ, prof services 350.68; SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, supplies 254.35; SCANTRON, minor equip 2,508.74; SCOTT BRATLAND, court appt atty 4,211.65; SDLA, dues 40.00; STREET GRAPHEX, supplies 160.00; TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, repairs & maint 120.00; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, mailing expense 72.00; UNZEN MOTORS, repairs 45.16; VALLEY RENTAL & RECYCLING, allocation 650.00; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, rent 50.00; WS LEASING, 4h building 100,822.96; ZEM'S FRESH STARTS, supplies 45.10. TOTAL: \$151,688.01.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the March 28, 2022, payroll are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 3,335.90; AUDITOR 7,735.93; ELECTION 233.13; TREASURER 5,147.83; STATES ATTORNEY 6,973.80; CUSTODIANS 2,458.93; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 3,838.00; REG. OF DEEDS 4,271.87; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,101.00; SHERIFF 13,422.64; COMMUNICATION CTR 6,605.60; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 818.40; ICAP 221.00; VISITING NEIGHBOR 1,901.06; LIBRARY 8,069.69; 4-H 3,268.00; WEED CONTROL 1,843.00; P&Z 3,404.43; DRAINAGE 498.58; ROAD & BRIDGE 31,769.41; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2,160.00. TOTAL: \$109,078.20.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 7,872.45; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 13,229.68; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 3,094.12; AAA COLLECTIONS, deduction 34.08; ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT, deduction 100.00; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,507.22; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 52,242.98; COLONIAL LIFE, ins 37.98; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 267.31; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 76.70; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 210.00; OPTILEGRA, ins 452.73; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 1,454.33; SDRS, retire 11,906.90. TOTAL: \$92,486.48.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be April 12 (Equalization) and 19, and May 3 and 17, 2022 at 8 AM. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Douglas Stengel, Chairman, Grant County Commission