

BOTTINEAU COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 15th, 2013
8:30 A.M.

The Commissioner Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. by Chairman Jeff Beyer. A meeting of the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners was held in the Commissioner Room at the Courthouse with the following members present: Chairman Jeff Beyer, Vice-Chairman Dan Marquardt, Commissioners Todd Streich, LeRoy Rude, Lance Kjelshus, Assistant States Attorney, Galen Mack and County Auditor, Lisa Herbel.

The Agenda was approved with bridges and road items added to general discussion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 5th, 2013 with an amendment made, by Streich, seconded by Rude. Motion carried unanimously.

David Vad, from the Peace Garden Snowmobile Club met with the Commission to further discuss the use of the section line for access to Loon Lake. Chad Bullinger, Vern Jacobson, Loren Johnson, Jim Dignan, and Earl Roland were also in attendance. A letter was received from Carolyn Cobb, but at this point, she not formally petitioned the Township to close the section line. It was noted that the Roland Township met on January 14, 2013 and made a motion to recommend to the County Commission to keep the section line open for public use.

Earl Roland spoke of his concerns regarding the snowmobile trails and the troubles he has with snowmobilers not staying on the trails. Galen Mack, Assistant States Attorney, stated that 33 feet on each side of section line is open to the public. If there are alternate routes that are safe, they should be explored. Galen also spoke of a recent Attorney General's opinion, a 2009 letter to Merle Boucher, that specifically addressed section lines. Dave Vad spoke on behalf of the Peace Garden Trail Snowmobile Association and relayed that in the past the section line was used as a snowmobile trail. He also explained the location of the section line on the plat map. Chad Bullinger relayed his concerns about the Snowmobile Club using the section line as a snowmobile trail. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the motion that was made on January 15th, 2013, to open the section line for use as a snowmobile trail. The width of the trail would be approximately 12 to 14 feet. After March 31st, 2013, the trail will no longer go through Carolyn Cobb's property. The snowmobile association makes every effort to make sure the public is aware of the care and consideration snowmobilers are to use when using the trails.

Lisa Peterson, Tax Director presented an abatement on behalf of Michael and Glenette Wiecks. Lisa recommended approving the abatement as the value and tax was for a structure that has

been removed. A motion was made to grant the abatement for Michael and Glenette Wiecks by Marquardt, seconded by Streich. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond Cote expressed concerns about our regulations regarding the tonnage maximums that have been placed on bridges in the County. Discussion was held regarding the condition of the bridges in our County.

Karla Monson, NDSU Extension Office asked a Commissioner to participate in the performance reviews on March 5th. Commissioner Kjelshus volunteered to sit in on the reviews.

Discussion was held on the chain of command when it comes to maintaining the roads.

As there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. by Kjelshus, seconded by Marquardt. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Beyer, Chairman

Lisa Herbel, Auditor