

## FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw, Trustee Mark Dunn, and Trustee-Nominate Patrick Haynes were present. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen and Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper were also present at the above location. Jesse Vlaminck, Allen Schmitz, and Isaac Kinuthia with MnDOT, Stephanie Rathburn and Sarah Barnett with Alliant Engineering, and Ron Cooper and Don Smith with Rapid City Pierre & Eastern (RCPE) Railroad were also present via Microsoft TEAMS.

Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen informed the Council members there is another item to be discussed after meeting with MnDOT and the Railroad, and requested they stay an additional five minutes for that item. Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw then handed the meeting over to Jesse Vlaminck and everyone introduced themselves.

Jesse Vlaminck stated the last time MnDOT met with RCPE was in October 2018 to give them an overview of the 2027 project and discussed cost sharing on the project. Since then, there have been some refinements and Stephanie Rathburn updated everyone present on the drainage issues in the City of Lake Benton and the capacity of downstream deficiencies. The primary purpose of today's meeting is the railroad crossing and the size of the culvert boxes. Currently there is one existing 42" plastic pipe, and it was recommended to add an 8' x 4' or 10' x 4' culvert box to improve the drainage issues. It was noted that after a big rain of 4 to 5 inches in that area, water stands in homeowner's back yards for several hours before receding and flowing out to the lake.

RCPE representatives Ron Cooper and Don Smith stated they want to work with the City to resolve the issues, do what is needed to be in compliance with the City and the State, and are willing to cost share for this part of the project. RCPE cannot remove the old concrete culvert because it will take the railroad down two to three days. They suggested Stephanie and Jesse look into a third option by adding another 42" pipe. Stephanie and Jesse will create a third option and present it to the City and RCPE when it is completed.

The next item of business was to review/act on the regular February 7, 2022 Council meeting. Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be a quorum for the regular scheduled February 7, 2022 Council meeting. The meeting will need to be postponed to February 22, 2022 and adjourned today. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw that due to no quorum, the regular scheduled February 7, 2022 Council meeting will be postponed to February 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to adjourn the February 7, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw and carried, the February 2, 2022 meeting was adjourned.

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK