

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN MAY 13, 2019

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in Special Session in the County Board Room, 509 West 5th Street, Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Nesseth, and Drotos all present.

Public Hearing- County Commissioner District 1 Vacancy. The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the County Board Room, 509 West 5th Street, Red Wing, for public testimony from persons residing in Goodhue County Commissioner District 1 relating to the qualifications of prospective appointees to fill the vacancy in the Commissioner District 1 seat until a special election can be held. Any qualified individual who would like to be considered for said appointment should submit in writing the following information: name, address, contact information, qualifications, and statement of interest to the County Administrator's Office, Room 309, Goodhue County Government Center, 509 W. 5th Street, Red Wing, MN 55066.

C/Anderson noted that the following public officials representing the 1st District were notified:

U.S. Senate	Amy Klobuchar	425 Dirksen Senate Building		Washington, DC 20510
U.S. Senate	Tina Smith	720 Hart Senate Office Building		Washington, DC 20510
U.S. House 2	Angie Craig	12940 Harriet Ave. S., Suite 238		Burnsville, MN 55337
MN Senate 21	Mike Goggin	95 University Avenue W	Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3203	St. Paul, MN 55155
MN House 21A	Barb Haley	239 State Office Building		St. Paul, MN 55155
City of Red Wing Mayor	Sean Dowse	2508 Hallquist Ave		Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W1	Kim Beise	968 Aurora Cir		Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W2	John Becker	1716 W 5th St		Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W1 & W2	Dean Hove	4149 Highway 61 W		Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing At Large	Laurel Stinson	307 6th St E		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Arlen Diercks	2681 Southview Rdg		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Pam Roe	4794 Mt Hood Ln		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Heidi Jones	3375 Wallace Ln		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Mike Christensen	29883 Lakeview Ave		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Jim Bryant	26390 County 21 Blvd		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Janie Farrar	2663 Ridge View Ct		Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Holly Tauer	1134 Oak St		Red Wing, MN 55066
Welch Township	Dan Bauer	23395 145th Ave		Welch, MN 55089
Welch Township	Andrew Jenson	24670 130th Ave		Welch, MN 55089
Welch Township	Aaron Bauer	26469 130th Ave		Welch, MN 55089
Welch Township	Joan Slingsby	25960 130th Ave		Welch, MN 55089
Welch Township	Ken Slingsby	25960 130th Ave		Welch, MN 55089
Priarie Island Tribal Council	Shelley Buck	2391 Brooks Ave		Red Wing, MN 55066

C/Anderson read the following list of submitted applicants: Scott Safe, Darwin Fox, Linda Flanders, and Carol Overland. In addition, Ted Seifert had expressed interest, however, did not live in district one at this time, therefore, would not be considered a qualified applicant.

¹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

The following people spoke to the issue: Scott Safe, Carol Overland, Darwin Fox, Linda Flanders, Bonnie Stang, Terry Fruth, Dan Bauer, Ken Slingsby, Mike Johnson, Joan Slingsby.

Ted Seifert asked to speak. County Attorney, Erin Kuester, addressed the board and read Minnesota Statute 375.101 sub. 5 noting that only individuals living in the first district were allowed to speak at the public hearing.

C/Anderson asked three times if there were any other comments. There were none.

² Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

C/Drotos commented that he had high respect for C/Allen and supported his wishes, which was to appoint Scott Safe to finish out his term and until the election.

³ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Anderson, motion failed (2-2) with C/Nesseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve appointing Scott Safe as County Commissioner for District 1.

C/Majerus commented that he could not support any candidate until the election filing was opened. C/Anderson pointed out that candidate filing did not open until August which would mean that District 1 would go unrepresented. He felt the board had four qualified candidates and it was not fare to leave District 1 unrepresented. C/Allen selected

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Scott Safe to fill in for him and that was why he was supporting him.

C/Neseth commented that he did not want to give anyone an advantage in the election, therefore, was not in favor of appointing anyone at this time. In addition, he did not have enough time to review Carol Overland's information.

Carol Overland stated that she would withdraw her application if it would speed up the process for them to appoint a replacement. She did not want District 1 to be unrepresented.

C/Anderson requested that the issue be added to the May 21 board meeting. Assistant County Attorney, Erin Kuester, clarified that the public hearing must be held within 30 days of the vacancy and that timeframe expires on Saturday, May 18. A county board meeting is a public meeting and people with concerns could attend that meeting and ask the board to address their concerns, however, the public hearing portion is closed. At this time there are four eligible candidates: Scott Safe, Darwin Fox, Linda Flanders, and Carol Overland.

⁴ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Neseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the May 13, 2019, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 4-0)
2. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 4-0)
3. Motion to appoint Scott Safe to Commissioner District seat 1 vacancy. (Motion failed 2-2)
4. Approved to adjourn the May 13, 2019 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 4-0)