

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

April 11, 2017

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair
John Pluth, Vice-Chair
Tim Schumacher
Jeff Quastad
Roger Hash

Absent:

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth, stated that he had attended the Safety Meeting for the County held yesterday. He stated that on May 8 there will be training offered on HIPPA and Blood Borne Pathogens. Safety training will also be offered to the seasonal workers for Conservation. Pluth also stated we had a tornado drill last week, one is required each year. Two fire drills are also required each year. Emmet County has gone 397 days without loss of injury. He stated that Public Health Office has radon kits available for sale for \$7.00.

The Board was presented a Preliminary Engineering Report for acceptance for additional work on Branch No. 61 Open Ditch in joint Emmet Clay Dickinson (ECD#61) drainage district. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the Engineering Report for (ECD#61) for Branch No. 61 from Jacobson-Westergard. All ayes, motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board held the public hearing for a new construction permit, BWT LLLP – Farm 267 Origer East, located in Section 21 of Center Township. Jay Moore representing BWT LLLP was present and stated some facts about the site. There were no written comments received by the Auditor's Office. There were numerous members from the public present. The public spoke and requested the Supervisors create a Resolution, like several counties in Iowa have, requesting that the 2002 Matrix be reviewed and looked at by our legislators. It was the Board's consensus that they will consider this. Chuck Gardner asked if they could set up a future meeting with one of our legislators with the Board. Juhl, Chair said that we can certainly do that.

Quastad read the matrix questions and the points assigned to each question within the new confinement operation application to the public present. A matrix passes with a score of 440 points. Bob Hatland suggested bordering the site with trees or shrubs. This is not an enforceable option stated the Board, but could be suggested. Gardner also asked the question if a group of taxpayers, including him, could work with the Board and establish a Good Neighbor Policy, then work with one another. Moore, representing BWT/New Fashion Pork, stated that we would try and honor a policy of such and have discussions on a new proposed site. Stan Larson stated that originally this site was going to be across the road. He approached BWT/New Fashion Pork asking them if they knew that this land retained and water pooled there frequently. Because of this approach by Larson, the site was moved across the road. Juhl stated that the Board goes to each site visit for these new confinements and they always ask the applicant have you contacted the neighbors.

Jay Lausen read an article that was recently published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, stating that the hope is to begin the process of updating the now decade and a half old regulatory system, that being the 2002 Matrix. One member stated to the Board when is enough enough. Lausen stated that we need help from our local control, because this process is not good. He stated we are asking you as elected officials to help us out. Juhl stated that we all agree that the Matrix needs to be redone. Schumacher stated that these issues we are talking about are great issues and he is also concerned about it. Darryl Madison stated that people that live in our rural areas are important too.

Gardner stated that our State is allowing this to happen. Denise Rustige stated you as our Board represent us and Juhl stated that yes we do. It was the general consensus that if we don't try and change something this trend is going to change drastically. Moore took the floor and stated that BWT/New Fashion Pork have invested in this County, with our Feed Mill. He stated that we buy in this County and provide jobs; we are not saying that we are perfect, but we will try to do the right thing.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to close the public hearing. It was then moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to recommend the master matrix, with the score being 525 points. The motion also includes noting a vote of the public present: voting in favor of the proposed site 0, against the site 21. The letter of recommendation of the matrix scoring will be forwarded to the DNR. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the monthly claims for Emmet County. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the claims as listed in the claims register. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the drainage claims as listed. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer held discussion with the Board about an Iowa DOT Project, replacing overhead flashing lights at our intersections. Emmet County has 6 of these lights. The State will take care of all the costs of installing these lights. The Engineer's recommendation is to sign this agreement with the State. The Board agreed.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 3 & 10 of Twelve Mile Lake Township to replace existing overhead lines with an underground boring. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth also presented for adoption Resolution #2017-9 for the FY2018 Five Year Construction Program. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to adopt Resolution #2017-9. Roll call vote taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Pluth & Juhl. Nays: None All ayes, motion carried. This Resolution can be viewed in the Auditor's Office and or the Engineer's Office at the Courthouse.

Also presented was the IA DOT Budget for FY2018. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad to approve the FY2018 Iowa DOT Budget. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Pluth, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher and Juhl. Nays: None. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports from the Sheriff, Auditor, Recorder and Veterans Affairs.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plans for: New Fashion Pork, Farm 228-Booth in SE SW of Section 6 of Armstrong Grove Township and for Charles Henningsen, Charles Henningsen Finisher in the SW SW of Section 3 of Highland Township in Palo Alto County. Also reviewed was letter from the DNR for K&T Swine Site 2, giving notice that the construction permit will be issued.

Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair