

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

February 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair  
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair  
Roger Hash  
Tim Schumacher  
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the minutes from last weeks' two meetings on February 12, the Emmet County Board meeting and the joint meeting with Palo Alto County, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth discussed a conflict he has for the upcoming Iowa Lakes Corridor meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month and informed the rest of the Board, in case they would like to attend. Supervisors discussed other meetings that they have and will attend.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to sign the annual Agreement between North Iowa Planning & Development Commission (Safety/Shield Program) and Emmet County, with a total cost not to exceed \$11,142.67. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to accept the low bid from MichaelSon Inc., not to exceed \$ 7,985.00, for the cleanout for joint district EPA 21 Line A Open Ditch. The cleanout will start at the beginning of the ditch and continue through Section 25 of Jack Creek Township. Quastad stated per a phone to Mike Sjoblom, the job would be done this spring.

The Board discussed with Rick Hopper, Engineer from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates about the upcoming money that will be available through the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program). Jacobson-Westergard will be attending a meeting this week on this event and will keep the Emmet County Board of Supervisors informed.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board, with Dickinson County joining telephonically, held the public hearing on joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet and Dickinson County). Present were Rick Hopper and Derek Behrens Engineering Intern, from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. Also present was Vincent Baack, Director of Finance from New Fashion Pork (NFP), and several landowners within this drainage district. Hopper stated that what we are doing today is having a public hearing on the Preliminary Engineering Report. The petition to establish this ditch was done in 1920. The main difference between Options 1 and 2 are the size of the tiles with a ¼" coefficient versus the ½" coefficient. Option 3 was improving the entire main tile system below 250<sup>th</sup> St. The options are summarized in the Report. There were no written objections received by either County. These options are using concrete tile.

Hopper stated that NFP/BWT put in a tile line in Section 19 and the tile goes diagonally to 250<sup>th</sup> St. Hopper stated that I believe you, as the Board, will want to take that over as part of this drainage tile system. NFP/BWT paid for this tile, it helped the existing system, and if absorbed, they would like to be paid back for the cost of this on the adjacent property owner's land; approximately \$49,000. They are not asking for any reimbursement for any of the tile on NFP/BWT's land. Hopper stated he would prepare a Resolution to take care of this. Vincent Baack, Director of Finance from NFP, explained to both Boards about the tile lines that they had installed, stating it served a dual purpose; it helped everyone upstream and us (NFP/BWT) on the Main. Pluth stated that NFP were putting the patterned tile in when we were in the process of looking at this drainage system and had visited with a couple members of the Board of Supervisors prior to installing this tile. The cost of reimbursing NFP/BWT will be in addition to the options on the Engineering report. Dickinson had questions on this setting a precedence for future projects. Pluth explained the process that they went through before NFP/BWT ever did the pattern tiling, and Dickinson County was agreeable then after hearing the procedure that was taken. It was reiterated again that there will be no reimbursement for any of NFP/BWT property's drainage tile.

Jacobson-Westergard will look into crossing the highway also per a landowner's suggestion; Behrens stated that this additional cost would be minimal. After they topo (topography) the area, they will have more answers.

Pluth stated that the agreement is that we will bid Option No. 2, and bid using concrete tile and plastic tile. In addition, we will get a Resolution from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates to get the private tile included in this district project, so that NFP can be reimbursed for tiling they did for adjacent owners.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried.

Hopper stated that they will get letters out to landowners soon, asking their permission to enter upon their property to get the depth of the current drainage district tile.

Travis Sheridan, Emergency Management and E911 Director for Emmet County came before the Board to discuss the drone the office recently acquired and wanted to discuss with the Board a program update. The drone's lift capacity is 14 pounds. It can also get

longitude and latitude measurements for rescues. The cost was \$9,000, which was paid by donations through the Emergency First Responders Coalition. The drone can also do thermal imaging on roofs during a fire. A firefighter right now is actually being trained on operating the drone, along with other officers. Sheridan stated that he and the Engineer were just talking and spoke of various ways that the drone could be useful to the Engineer's department. The drone can go over 35 miles per hour. Sheridan is looking for a case for it at this time for a cost of around \$500. We will have two cameras on the drone stated Sheridan. Sheridan is working with the County Attorney at this time to get a C.O.A (Certificate of Waiver or Authorization), so there would be no restrictions with flights.

Sheridan went on to inform the Board that he is working on a grant with Emmet County Public Health, known as the Salamander program. The Salamander's program is simple; unite our county's emergency services with a common tracking system to enhance situational awareness while properly accounting for all personnel at an incident – responders, victims or volunteers. They are working on ID Cards for every emergency responder. He stated, by doing this, it would work well with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association). July is their goal for having this program set up.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer discussed the concrete patching quotes. Davis-Oeth stated the patching is bid per patch and per square yard. The low bid was Ten Point Construction Company out of Denison, IA for \$109,463.87. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Glasnapp, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to accept the low quote from Ten Point Construction Company for \$109,463.87. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the gravel-crushing quote from Keith Hagedorn Construction, Spirit Lake IA, for \$265,000 (\$2.65 per ton). All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the MMP (Manure Management Plan) for owner, Paul Clausen, Facility name Paul Clausen ID #57871.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth, Chairman