

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

May 7, 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. The Board and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Hash shared information with the Board from Compass Pointe, stating that we probably would not get much of our last quarterly payment back.

Quastad shared information with the Board on drainage ditch 70, in an attempt to act on a Drainage Petition they had received from Lavonne Ruschy and Gary Clabaugh, received in the Auditor's office on June 27, 2017. In the petition, the ditch would be a partial reclassification dividing drainage ditch 70 into two parts; Upper 70 and Lower 70, with Ditch 40 only be assessed on a lower ditch 70 assessment. Quastad will talk with Engineer Rick Hopper from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. He is hoping that Minnesota will sign some form of Agreement on Ditch 70. Richard Coons from Martin County will present the information at their Board meeting in Martin County today.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer presented the FY2019 DOT budget amendment. Engineer stated, last week the County, including the amendment for Secondary Roads, Service Area 07, approved the budget amendments for the FY2019 and today he has to have approval of the amended FY2019 DOT budget. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to accept the amended DOT budget. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth, stated the road conditions in Emmet County are soft and not in the best shape. The County is continuing to work on the roads. Supervisors shared their concerns with the Engineer from different calls they have received on roads and road ditch conditions. Davis-Oeth, stated that the sub-base material for the County Road A-17 bridge should be arriving today.

At 9:30 the Board held the public hearing for K & T Olson Swine 3 Site, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17 of Jack Creek Township. Representing the site was Kent Krause from Pinnacle and owner of the facility Thomas Olson. All five Supervisors had attended the site visit last Friday. Krause stated that Thomas Olson had an opportunity to add another building to the present two buildings that are still under construction, so Olson will be adding a 100'x200' building and total animal unit capacity (AUC) will be 7499 head.

The matrix score for the expanded site is 455 points. They will keep both matrixes alive. For the first two buildings, the matrix was 445. There were no written comments and no public comments. A concern for the Supervisors, was not improving the road. Quastad informed Olson that he would have to move the snow on this class B road. Olson stated so if I paid the County to upgrade the road, the County would then maintain it, Quastad stated yes.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. The public hearing was closed. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to recommend the matrix score of 455 points and forward the letter of recommendation to the DNR. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to set the public hearing date for joint Drainage District ECD#61 reclassification for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dickinson County Courthouse. All ayes, motion carried. Dickinson County is the control county for this joint district.

The Board also received a joint bill from Dickinson County, controlling county for joint drainage district ECD#61 (Emmet, Clay and Dickinson Counties) for April for completion of D.D.#61's cleanout and April's engineering services for ECD#61-Branch 61 cleanout totaling \$2,554.00, payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the joint bill and return to control county, Dickinson County, for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board received a joint claim from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$2,497 for joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet and Dickinson Counties). Emmet County is the control county for this drainage district. The bill is for engineering services in April for revision of resolution and work on the topographic survey. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to approve the joint bill for payment from Emmet County. The bill has also been forwarded to Dickinson County for their joint approval.

Quastad informed the Board on a drainage district issue in drainage district #83 in Section 15 of Armstrong Grove Township. There is a problem with tree roots under the railroad tracks that need to be cleaned out. The landowner/farmer now has the field planted. Schumacher suggested that maybe the best thing to do, would be to get a Petition signed to get this drainage issue solved.

Supervisors also discussed the drainage issue for Jim Boyer, stating that they have tried to get someone out there to look at the problem. This drainage issue is in Sections 17 and 20 in Jack Creek Township.

Amy M. Sathoff came before the Board to ask the Board for a motion to declare the Official County Seal for the County. The Official County Seal will need to be digitized, due to the passing of House File 692. The Official Seal will now be placed on all election ballots for the County and the Auditor's signature will be removed. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the Official County Seal for the Auditor's office for use on all ballots. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson  
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth,  
Chairman