

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

April 24, 2018

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

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

During public forum, Pluth updated the Board on the Upper Des Moines meeting he had recently attended.

The Board discussed the Return to Work Program. Pluth stated that our workmen's compensation insurance company is pushing this to keep our MOD rates down. Returning to work would be at the recommendation of the employee's doctor as to what light duty work employee could do. Juhl stated that she is okay with this policy as long as it states you are not required to do this. Pluth agreed that it is not mandatory. Pluth stated that the employee would still be paid their regular pay or salary from their employer. Quastad stated that as he was reviewing the policy, it does not have a lot of teeth, but if it will help with our insurance, he is okay with it. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Quastad to approve the Return to Work Program for Emmet County. All ayes, motion carried.

Chris LaRue, Iowa DNR, met with the Board for an informational meeting concerning the Christopherson Slough restoration project in Joint Drainage District ED#2 (Emmet/Dickinson Counties). LaRue discussed the proposed wetland project design with the Board. This project has been in the making for two years. Quastad stated he is not opposed to the project as long as it is maintained by the DNR. Schumacher stated that it is important for the Board to represent our taxpayers and is asking the DNR to have a willingness to help settle issues in the County when called upon. He stated sometimes there has to be a give and take situation between both entities. Juhl asked if Dickinson County has seen this yet, LaRue stated that he would meet with Dickinson County on May 15. Also stated by Juhl, is that Emmet County has only a small portion of this joint drainage district, about 20 acres. Juhl stated that there are no objections to the project from the Emmet County Board. LaRue asked that the Board send either an email or letter to Dickinson County, who controls this joint drainage district.

LaRue also informed the Board about a small wetland restoration project that the DNR is assisting Dickinson County Conservation with. The area is called the Superior Marsh. It will have a 3.9-acre basin. It will not touch the existing drain tile.

Amy M. Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor, brought before the Board the Cost Allocation Plan for FY2017, ending June 30, 2017, for approval. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the certified cost allocation plan and have the Board Chair sign the plan. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the font size used by newspapers for public notices of new confinement constructions. The font size currently being used is font size 6 for Estherville News and font size 8.5 for Armstrong Journal. The Board will leave the Armstrong Journal as is at the font size of 8.5 and change Estherville News to font size of 8. This change for Estherville News will apply to legal notices for public notices for new confinement operations only.

Pluth discussed the upcoming informal informational meeting for ED#3 to be held April 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Emmet County Farm Bureau building. This is in regards to a drainage petition the Board received October 24, 2017 signed by several landowners. This is a joint district with Emmet County having 91.81% of land and Dickinson County having 8.19% of land in this drainage district.

The Board received a joint bill from Dickinson County for joint drainage ECD#61 (Emmet, Clay & Dickinson) counties. The Claim is for \$74.41 for postage payable to the Clay County Auditor. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the joint claim and return to control county, Dickinson. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plans (MMP) for:
J & R Inc., Owner, Jay Gunderson, Facility #62121
Hoffman Duane, Owner, Duane Hoffman, Facility #58894.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.