

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

August 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent: Jeff Quastad

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from the meeting held July 31, 2018, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Auditor Amy M. Sathoff presented information regarding the Life Insurance renewal through Unum from Frank Johnson. Increase will go into effect on 10/1/2018 and will increase from \$225 to \$243.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the County's 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 presented. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve the following Joint Drainage bills:

1. ED# 3 (Emmet Dickinson Counties) Jacobson-Westergard & Associates for \$840.00 for professional services work on the preliminary engineering report.
2. ECD#61 (Emmet, Clay & Dickinson Counties) for \$9,997.20 for work on reclassification and July engineering services in the amount of \$8,617.00 and for July for construction administration and inspections on Branch 61 in the amount of \$1,380.20 totaling the \$9,997.20

All ayes, motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., Board Chair Juhl called to order the public hearing for Summit Farms LLC (Jack Creek 26 Site). This finisher site will have a capacity of 4,999 head. Kent Krause from Pinnacle reviewed the matrix scoring with the Board with the total matrix points for the site being 495. Supervisor Pluth asked what the facility plans on doing with the dead animals. This facility will utilize rendering pickup. Discussion was held regarding alternatives including the possibility of composting and incineration. Krause indicated that the mortality rate is approximately 2% over a period of 6 months for this type of facility. So approximately 100 over the course of the 6 months. Pluth mentioned that ultimately producers need to take responsibility for the mortality issue and address it. Pluth said that he would have to vote no today because he would like to see the producers accountable. Krause shared that he was just made aware that Central Bi-Products was pulling back territory a few weeks ago. He will share with the producer the Board concerns and get back to the Board. Schumacher mentioned that even if the Board would vote no, this facility would still go forward and he doesn't feel that the public is aware of this issue. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to recommend the matrix with a score of 495 and forward it to the DNR. Roll call vote: Pluth – No, Hash – No, Schumacher – No, Juhl – No. Motion denied. Schumacher will draft a letter to the DNR

It was presented to Board for approval from control county, Dickinson, to approve the Commissioners appointed for joint drainage district ECD#61 (Emmet, Clay & Dickinson Counties) to be Melvin Wernimont, Doug Pringnitz and Engineer, Richard Hopper from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the appointment. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to postpone setting the public hearing date for a new confinement construction for the Jack Creek 17 site, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Twp 98 N, Range 32-Jack Creek Township. All ayes, motion carried.

Waterline quotes for the east side of the courthouse were opened and came in as follows:

Valley Contracting bid - \$23,188

Alig Backhoe & Construction bid - \$22,260

Motion by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher to accept the low bid. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer:

Engineer Davis-Oeth presented three utility permits for approval:

1. Iowa Lakes Electric for an underground cable, bored, and cased in continuous PVC conduit under 370th Avenue at approximately 1,275' north of 270th Street. Boring will be east to west from ROW to ROW at a minimum depth of 48" with no new above ground features. The cable will be at a nominal 7200 volts. The purpose of construction is to provide serve to a rural water storage tank. General location is T-98-N and R-34W, Twelve Mile Lake Township, sections 33 and 34. Motion by Hash, seconded by Pluth to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Iowa Lakes Regional Water to install a 1 1/2" water service by directional boring under 445th Avenue (N40) going east & west (Section 26 in T99N, R33W, Center Township from private to private property. Minimum bury depth of 5 ½ feet. For

service to 1926 445th Avenue, Estherville, IA. Motion by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Iowa Lakes Regional Water to install a 3 inch SDR 17 Class 250 by directional boring under 250th Street on the east side of 350th Avenue (Section 29 in T98N, R34W, Twelve Mile Lake Township to Section 20 in T98N, 34W, Twelve Mile Lake Township) from north to south from private property to private property. Minimum bury depth of 5 ½ feet. Motion by Hash, seconded by Pluth to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth informed the Board of a resignation effective Thursday of an equipment operator. At this time, he will not replace this employee.

Davis-Oeth presented a Procurement Policy for Secondary Roads to the Board. This policy would need to be in place in order for Emmet County to receive federal funding including FEMA disaster dollars. Motion to postpone this until next week in order to give County Attorney Doug Hansen time to comment on the policy by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth discussed an Emergency Medical Leave Policy that he is presently working on for Secondary Roads. In this policy, secondary roads employees could donate vacation time voluntarily and unanimously to a co-worker in need who has made application and met the requirements of the policy. Comp time and sick time could not be donated under this policy. A maximum of 40 hours donated per employee could be donated. An hour being an hour regardless of the rate of pay. The policy is a work in progress and will be brought to the Board for approval at a later time. County Attorney Hanson has reviewed and made suggestions that will be incorporated.

Davis-Oeth reported that the bridge projects are moving forward and Neppel Bridge dirt work will start shortly. The N52 project has had a sub base material availability issue. However, he has hopes that the projects could be completed by harvest time. Strength tests came back well above requirements.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for the following:

Farm 254-Morlins, Facility ID #68548; Schnell Custom Feeding, Facility ID#59017; and PI 292 Finisher, Facility ID #65426.

The Board also received five Notices of Intent to Issue a permit for the following sites:

Jack Creek Livestock Site, Facility ID#68438; Denmark 32 Site, Facility ID #70337; Olson's Swine Care Site, Facility ID #70131 and for Robbin & Dylan Celander, Facility ID #70339.

Also received from the DNR for Board's review was the first Supplement to Construction Permit CP-A2018-064 for the Hypoint Site, Facility ID #70098, notifying the change of the concrete circular pit to 14' deep instead of the approved 12' deep circular pit. The new circular pit dimensions are now (150' x 14')

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair