

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

August 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Plath, Vice-Chair

Jeff Quastad

Roger Hash

Tim Schumacher

Absent: Bev Jull

Pluth, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

Quastad spoke during public forum about the recent EKPA#1(TRI 84) assessment. He has had a few calls and many questions concerning this assessment. He is thinking maybe that our Board could once again visit with the Kossuth County Board to keep these assessments more up to date. An example being, one person just bought a farm in this area and now will be responsible for the older assessment bills of the previous owner.

Dan Burton, Assistant to the Emmet County Engineer presented a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric in Section 33 of Emmet Township for boring under the road. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the utility permit at the recommendation of the Engineer. All ayes, motion carried.

Burton informed the Board that at the Origer/New Fashion Pork confinement site they are parking along the roadside and their equipment is contaminating the road. He has made a call to them and informed them that they cannot park on the road. He stated at this time, the road is in tough shape especially due to the recent rains.

Walter Davis-Oeth, called into Board meeting asking the Board to table the scheduled five-year plan. He stated to the Board that he would have to amend the original program for the federal aid side of it, due to the estimate that came in last week on the cost of the bridge repair/replacement.

At 9:30 a.m., Frank Rezac came before the Board to discuss some gravel and weed issues. He would like to get some gravel spread on 155th Street. He feels the road is used quite a bit. It is a minimum maintenance road, level B road. The road is also used for agricultural purposes. Quastad asked Burton what would be the cost be to go down the middle of the road and lay gravel. Burton stated that the Engineer's office have thought about putting gravel on the first 500' from 520th Ave. Rezac stated that doing the first 500' of 155th St would help tremendously. Burton stated that there is no intentions of turning it into an A Road at this time. Schumacher stated that making a decision on the above plan of the first 500' where 155th St intersects with 520th Ave would help to ease some of what is going on. It would take approximately 200 ton of gravel at \$6.00 per ton, or around \$1200.

The Board then discussed the weeds in our County. Alan Madden spoke during the meeting stating that yes, we do have many weeds in our County, but then there are areas that look better. He has been talking with farmers and his customers, and feel we are looking at unrealistic expectations. You cannot make ditches, look like a lawn. You cannot kill 100% of weeds and taxpayers are tired of spending money on it and their view is they do not want to spend any more money on weed control, that what they are currently doing. Schumacher stated my question is what are the people's expectations out there? Are we helping, who is benefitting or is there a benefit? Quastad stated you will never win with weeds, but it helps to keep them at bay. Schumacher stated we do not want it to look like a jungle out there, we do need some control. We are spending \$60-65,000 a year, who is benefitting here? Madden stated to see how important it is, wait two years with no spraying and see what we have.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to have the Vice-Chair, Pluth sign the expense claim form for joint Drainage District ECD#61, in the amount of \$76.14 payable to the Armstrong Journal. The expense claim will be sent back to the control county, Dickinson, for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for for Tanner Oleson, Facility Name, Tanner Oleson#1, located in the SE1/4 of the NE ¼ of Section 26, Township 99, Range 32 of Swan Lake Township; a Manure Management Plan (MMP) for West Swan Swine Care, LLC, Facility Name West Swan Swine Care in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of S-24-99-33, Center Township; MMP for James Boyer, Facility Name James Boyer #1, located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of 20-98-32, Jack Creek Township; an MMP for Jeff Ulrich at location of 3702 580th Ave, Ringsted, Iowa; an MMP for James Boyer, Facility Name James Boyer #2, located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of S-20-98-32, Jack Creek Township; and an MMP for Richard & Karen Howard, Facility Name, R & K Swine Corporation, located at 4245 200th St, Estherville, Iowa.

Pluth, Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.