

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
October 10, 2017  
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 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, Pluth stated he had attended the county's safety meeting yesterday. He stated the County (Conservation) did have an accident recently. He stated there was a big discussion on light duty work, to see if an employee can return to work. At a future meeting, they will have a Worker's Compensation representative come in and explain further. The goal is to work with the hospitals and doctors so that we can get employees back to work without loss of sick days. He also stated that county ladders will be inspected and it was suggested that hoists (county shops) should also be certified for safety. The material for the courthouse entryways should be in and the Contractor will be working on getting this completed.

Quastad discussed a tile problem in Armstrong Grove in Section 35 that has trees growing into it. He will research this situation further in the drainage minute book. It could possibly be a private tile, which would then be the financial responsibility of the landowner.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the claims as listed in the claims register. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the drainage claims as listed. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve having Board Chair, Juhl, sign the joint drainage claim for ECD#61 (Dickinson County controls) for \$1,931.70 for Jacobson-Westergard & Associates. All ayes, motion carried. The joint claim will be returned to control county, Dickinson, for payment.

The Board reviewed the Quarterly reports of the Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Veteran's Affairs.

The Board reviewed the audit from ECCG (Emmet County Council of Governments).

Krystie Brashear of Woman-to-Woman Clinic was present to receive her funds from the Grow with Us Campaign, using County Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) for \$5,000.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer presented the Mediacom contract for the shop. This was tabled until next week's Board meeting, due to request of more detailed information.

Walter Davis-Oeth presented a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric for underground boring on 480<sup>th</sup> Ave from the east right-of-way to the west right-of-way for a new service for a hog confinement in Jack Creek Township between Sections 8 and 9. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, at the recommendation of the Engineer to approve this permit. All ayes, motion carried.

A second permit is from K&W Electric for the DNR for the Jensen Slough, building a rock barrier around the entrance to control the fish from jumping from one slough to the other slough, being the Cunningham Slough. This would involve installing a pump. There will be a preconstruction meeting held concerning this next week, that the Engineer will attend. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve this permit. Ayes: Hash, Quastad and Juhl. Nays: Pluth and Schumacher. Motion carried.

Davis-Oeth requested Board approval for a new office manager hire, due to the upcoming retirement of Barb Nissen at the end of December. A new employee has been hired, that being Allison Fisher, who will start for the County on the October 11. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to approve the new hire for the Engineer's office. All ayes, motion carried.

The approval of the fence schedule for right-of-way purchase was presented by Davis-Oeth. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad to grant this approval for the fence schedule. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth requested Board approval of partial acquisition schedule for right of way purchases in order to be prepared for the upcoming Emmet Bridge project. He has received three of the five acquisitions so far. The first acquisition is for Tim and Jody Bundy for .06 acres for a cost of \$365.63. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to grant the purchase acquisition of the right-of-way.

The second purchase acquisition is to Lisa Lair for .27 acres for a cost of \$833.43. It was moved by Quastad, second by Hash to approve the purchase acquisition of the right-of way. All ayes, motion carried.

The third purchase acquisition is for Arvin Enerson for .31 acres for a cost of \$2952.88 (includes fence removal). It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad to approve this right-of-way purchase acquisition. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth presented the snow maintenance agreement with the City of Dolliver. The rate will remain at \$110.00 hour, the same as last year. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to approve the agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth presented the final completed bridge plan for Emmet Hill Bridge Plan, BRS-CO32 (49)—60-(49)—60-32. The cost for the bridge will be 1.145 million dollars and the grading will be approximately \$600,000 for a total of 1.75 million. This final plan includes grading on the East side and raising bridge 11 feet on that side. The bridge will go from a width of 20 feet to 30 feet and will have full guardrails. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Pluth to accept the presented bridge plan. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth asked for Board approval of Iowa DOT federal-aid agreement for County HBP project, BRS-CO32 (49)-60-32 for 1.4 million dollars. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve the federal-aid agreement for the above named bridge project. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth updated the Board on the roads. They are trying to get over the roads before the farming fully starts. The wet weather has affected some of the roads and they are dealing with that at this time.

The Board reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for Guse Family Farm Corp-#2 South site, owned by Bruce Guse in the SW1/4 of the SW ¼ of S3-98-32 of Jack Creek Township, Facility No. 62492. Board also reviewed a construction permit letter from DNR, Facility ID #57872, PRKG 368 LLC-Emmet Site, of notice of construction permit issued.

Chair, Juhl, adjourned meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair