

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

April 17, 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 Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Hash stated he had attended a Compass Pointe meeting recently. Pluth asked Board members if they had reviewed the Return to Work Policy. This policy will be put on next Tuesday's agenda.

Ashley Reed, Emmet County Naturalist, came before the Board asking for approval of hiring a summer naturalist intern. The naturalist wages will be run through the County, with reimbursement from the Emmet County Nature Foundation Fund back to the County. Discussion was held when the Foundation would pay back the County. Juhl thought maybe at the end of June for this FY and then at the end of the internship later this summer. The biggest duty for the intern, would be being having the Nature Center open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays for visitors. Helping Reed during summer camps and programs would allow even more children to sign up for the camps and help the camps run smoother. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to grant approval of Reed's request to hire a summer naturalist and pay through the County, with reimbursement from the Foundation. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the quarterly report of the Sheriff.

At 9:30 a.m., Chair of the Board called to order the public hearing for a new confinement feeding operation, HyPoint LLC. This new feeding operation is located in Section 27 of Estherville Township. Present were Kent Krause, representing Pinnacle and Shane Smith, Applicant. Many area residents were present. Krause started the meeting by stating that the Pinnacle firm prepared the permit application for Shane Smith. This site will have two buildings and a cement tank. It is a 4400 head wean to finish site. Two batches of hogs will be raised each year in the facility. Krause stated that they have three fields in the plan right now to spread the manure. The fields score in the highest category for the lowest risk in phosphorus loss. The application plan for manure is 4810 gallons per acre.

Krause went through the matrix questions. A matrix has a 440-point requirement. Discussion on the confinement feeding operation was held. There were some comments from the public. Jay Lausen, resident, discussed the Estherville City Council's Resolution, stating that new confinements not be built within two miles of the city limits and mentioned the Good Neighbor Policy. He asked the Board to consider the proximity to the South side of Estherville for this new confinement. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to recommend the master matrix, with the score being 440 points, and forward the letter of recommendation to the DNR. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board received a request from the Avenue of Flags, requesting the Courthouse to be open for viewing of displayed flags on May 28, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to grant the request. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, presented for approval the GASB 75 actuarial update contract with Nyhart. It is for post-employment benefits. This is required every two years now, with this year being the base year. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, asked for Board approval for the weed spraying contract for this FY year. Don Reefer, B&W Control Specialists and Roxanne Christensen, Emmet County Weed Commissioner were present also. Pluth started out saying that anytime the County does a ditch cleanout, we need to contact Reefer and Christensen. Davis-Oeth stated that \$65,000 has been budgeted for the weed spraying contract this year. Christensen and Schumacher both stated that we all need to work together. Reefer stated he would make sure his people do a proficient job for the County. Schumacher stated to Reefer, that throughout the years, we have established a good relationship with you. Quastad stated that he has been dissatisfied with the weed killing in prior years, but stated last year was better.

Reefer stated to the Board that he gives every County an opportunity to ride along and inspect the job in their county. He also requested, to be notified right away about any problems, so he can remedy the problems with his workers. He is going to tell his people to slow down and make sure you spray the entire patch of weeds, especially for thistles. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the weed spraying contract. Ayes: Pluth, Hash, Schumacher, Juhl Nays: Quastad. Motion carried. The contract is not to exceed \$65,000.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair