

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

June 19, 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. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

No one spoke or were present during public forum. Hash stated that he had attended a Northwest IA Housing Trust Fund meeting last week in Sheldon. Pluth attended a corridor meeting last week and shared information with the Board from that meeting.

Pluth shared with the Board information he has gotten on the rendering plant south of Estherville, Central Bi Products. He has spoken to Tom Beseman, Director of Operation of Central Bi Products. Pluth has had several odor complaints from the surrounding area. Beseman stated that they are going to install a new scrubber system. They also are going to have a new dumping system implemented and trucks will be immediately washed after dumping. He stated that unfortunately, this would not happen overnight, it would take some time. It was asked by a member of the news media present, if the conditional use permit goes with the owner or the business. The Board stated that it goes with the business.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to reappoint Robert Schacherer, Deb Tietje and Doug Welbig to the Emmet County Zoning Board for five-year terms, their terms will end on July 1, 2023 All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to vote no on contributing \$1,000 to hire a consultant on forming a new Mental Health Region. All ayes, motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board held the Public Hearing for BDEM Livestock LLC, for a new confinement construction in Section 34 of Center Township. Members from the public present were Kent Krause, representing Pinnacle. Also present were Mark, Kari and Blake Gjerde, Eric & Sonja Gjerde and Tammy Stine, representing the Assessor's office. Media personnel were present also. Kent Krause spoke for the confinement operation. He stated that what we are doing is a new construction, building two buildings on 435<sup>th</sup> Ave. It will hold 4,992 head of pigs, with below building manure pits. It will be a wean-to-finish site, going through two batches of pigs per year. This site will produce 1.3 million gallons of manure per year. They have committed to injecting the manure out of that facility; this will be a lifetime commitment. Krause stated that the Master Matrix scored extremely well. Krause then spoke on different numbers in the matrix and explained each of them to the Board. They scored 505 points of the 440 required for the Master Matrix. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve/ recommend the master matrix, with the score being 505 points, and forward the letter of recommendation to the DNR. All ayes, motion carried. In ending, Mark Gjerde, speaking for the site, stated to the Board that we are trying to keep the family going by bringing a new generation in.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve the joint drainage levy assessment for EK4 (Emmet and Kossuth Counties). This assessment will be associated with this year's taxes for Emmet County. All ayes, motion carried. Juhl, Board Chair, signed the joint assessment and it will be sent back to control county, Kossuth. The joint assessment will be as follows; total levy amount is \$12,163.73 (Kossuth levy amount will be \$6,333.66 and Emmet's levy amount will be \$5,830.07).

Shari Kastein, CEO for the Family Crisis Center, came before the Board for a presentation on the Family Crisis Center. She stated that our specially trained advocates support victims and survivors through crisis situations and stick with them for as long as they need us, even after the crisis is resolved. They work with the victims and survivors to create safety plans and file protection orders. They also provide support during court and at medical appointments and try and help the victims and survivors to move forward. They provide many services and the call center is open 24-7 to take calls. Kastein stated that she works closely in our County with Michelle Howing, Victim Witness Coordinator & Office Manager, from the County Attorney's office. The Family Crisis Center operates with State and Federal funding. They also receive money from some local governmental entities, including County Board of Supervisors. Juhl and the Board thanked her for the great work she has done. Kastein has been invited back to the Board at the end of December for a possible funding request for the Family Crisis Center from the Board of Supervisors.

Lyle Hevern, Emmet County Development Director, met with the Board to give an economic development update. Wind Energy held a wind conference in Chicago a couple months ago, that he attended; he met several people who expressed an interest in Iowa. He attended a Smart conference in Des Moines about a month ago, meeting with community leaders. Programs were held on how to grow your community. Hevern stated that we have two exciting projects going for Estherville that are very likely to happen at this time. Hevern spoke of other good things happening in Estherville also. Hevern thank the Board for all the support they have given to Emmet County's Development. The Board thanked Hevern for his hard work.

There was no DNR paperwork received from Celander Farms for a new confinement construction in Section 14 of Iowa Lake Township and no paperwork received from the DNR for new confinement construction for Jack Creek Livestock LLC.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for David Oleson, Facility Name, D & P Hogs Inc. #2, Facility ID#58993.

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

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair