

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

July 17, 2018

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair  
John Pluth, Vice-Chair  
Jeff Quastad  
Tim Schumacher

Absent: Roger Hash/Jury Duty

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 with three members present. A 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. Schumacher arrived at meeting at 9:06 a.m.

During public forum, Pluth shared information from the Upper Des Moines meeting he attended. Before any more progress can be made at Upper Des Moines, the south end of the Roosevelt building needs to come down. Pluth also attended a corridor meeting last week.

Quastad and Travis Sheridan, EMA Director, attended the HAZMAT meeting last week.

At 9:15 a.m., the Board called to order the Public Hearing for Drainage District #40 annexation schedule in the reclassification of drainage district #40. Rick Hopper, Engineer from Jacobson Westergard, took over the meeting. Hopper stated annexation of land happens often in a reclassification, they discover lands getting benefits that are not being currently assessed. Typically, these lands lay in the outer limits of the watershed. There were 201.44 additional acres annexed into the reclassification for drainage district 40. There were no comments from the public on the annexation report. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the annexation report for drainage district 40. All ayes, motion carried.

An owner in the district asked the question, what the cost of the reclassification per acre is. Hopper stated that the reclassification costs averaged out over the entire district would be just under \$3.00.

At 9:30 a.m., Board Chair Juhl called to order the reclassification hearing for Drainage District #40. Hopper again took over the public hearing. He read out of the Iowa Code the duties of the commissioners in a reclassification. Alan Madden and Mark Olson were the commissioners selected for this reclassification. They start out with soil types and assigning points. Commissioners also consider the proximity of the lands to the tile system. They summarize all those points, and whatever the percentage of points you have that will be your total units per tract or 40 acres. Hopper, Engineer, then meets with the Commissioners, goes over everything with them, and goes through the procedures that they used. All factors are then compiled into a report that is compiled by Jacobson Westergard. Hopper handed out sheets where they spread the costs of Main A for \$38,000 and Main B for \$5,000. Reiterating though, that the Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for the drainage district, may assess for a different amount to pay some future bills that will be coming in. There were no written objections to the reclassification. Chair asked if there were any objections from the public and there were none. Hopper stated that if need be, Commissioners can go out and relook at situations where someone is not happy with their units assigned and possibly re-assess their land. A question from a person from the public asked if the land is privately patterned tiled, would that be taken into consideration. Hopper stated that unfortunately, the Code does not allow a reduction for pattern tiling.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to accept the reclassification report for drainage district 40. Roll call vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Quastad, Pluth and Juhl. Nays: none Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports from the Sheriff and the Recorder offices

The Board reviewed the fireworks application for LuAnn Swanson, location 1221 500<sup>th</sup> Ave, Dolliver. IA. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the application and issue a permit to LuAnn Swanson for the date of 7/21/2018. All ayes, motion carried. A copy of the application and permit will be forwarded to the Sheriff's office.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board Chair called the Public Hearing for the new confinement construction in Section 32 of Denmark Township for Summit Farms LLC to order. Mitch Baum, representing Summit Farms, was present for the facility. Baum took the floor to discuss the site. Quastad and Hash attended the site visit. The site scored 495 points out of the minimum scoring allowed of 440 points. There was one letter of concern received by the Board from Randy and Colleen Peltz, neighbors 1 1/2 miles west of the confinement site. Baum shared with the Board that he had already been informed of their concerns and that the building will be placed as far east as possible. He also stated that Summit Farms LLC always plant trees around their facilities. The site will produce 1.642 million gallons of manure per year. There were no comments from the public. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to recommend and

forward the matrix with a score of 495 points to the DNR. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Schumacher, Quastad, Pluth and Juhl. Nays: none Motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, came before the Board to discuss roads and bridges. Davis-Oeth state we still have water over the road at the Meyer location south of Ringsted. Pluth shared with the Engineer a verbal thank you from the Ellis family for the road build up that had been done by Emmet County Secondary Roads. Without this being done, they believed that road would have been under water also. Davis-Oeth discussed the bridge projects on N52 and stated that they are making progress now. The water level is going down and it will probably be a good week before Graves Construction will resume working on the Emmet Hill Bridge. Davis-Oeth was asked what the completion date is for the Emmet Hill Bridge project. He stated we cannot charge working days during this time when they have not been able to work with the high water levels. They discussed the water situation in Gruver. They are getting more details on this situation at this time.

Hash arrived at 10:27 a.m.

Eric Anderson, Conservation Director, Ashley Reed, Emmet County Naturalist, Curt Larson, Conservation Board member and Amy Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor came before the Board to ask for a transfer on unused property taxes to the Conservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$28,139.00. This transfer will be from the General Fund to the Conservation Trust Fund. Anderson stated that they were extremely frugal and did not do some things that they had planned to do this past year. He stated that we need a newer vehicle and we were thinking possibly using some of this transfer money to do that. Schumacher thanked Anderson for his conservative efforts with his budget. Anderson stated that even with the weather and rain, camping has not been bad. He stated that the new playground equipment has been a huge asset for his campgrounds. Anderson was asked by the Board of what his vision going forward is. Anderson stated there is an emphasis now on environmental education. This involves school age children all the way through to senior citizens. Examples of environmental education involves paddling, hikes and archery camps to name a few. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to move funds in the amount of \$28,139.00 from the General Fund to the Conservation Trust Fund. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to rescind the drainage assessment made on July 10, 2018, for \$35,000 for drainage district 70. Quastad wants to reduce the amount closer to what it owes. Last week Quastad was thinking the upcoming bill would be higher than it actually is. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth to rescind the \$35,000 assessment made on July 10, 2018. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to assess drainage district 70 for \$24,200. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was shared on how to incorporate the share Minnesota now pays on drainage district #121 per the Agreement signed on May 2, 2017. After visiting with Rick Hopper, drainage Engineer, they will just divide the assessment according to the Agreement. When assessed, Emmet County landowners in the district will pay for 59% of the assessment and Martin County will pay 41% of the assessment.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for:  
Westergard Site at 3680 270<sup>th</sup> St Graettinger IA Facility ID #68193.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair