

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
December 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, 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 talked with Lyle Hevern, Emmet County Economic Development Director, visiting about using revolving loan dollars to help get the hardware business in Ringsted get started. The hardware store is closing at the end of this year and there is an interested party. The Board discussed this situation between themselves. This would be a revolving loan at probably a reduced interest rate; the loan would have to be paid back. Schumacher mentioned the Grow-With-Us-Campaign which was done a few years ago, which gave entities certain dollar amounts. They also spoke of the Local Option Sales & Services Tax (LOSST) fund.

The Assessor's Office, represented by LuWanda Towell and Lori Larsen, came before the Board to discuss further some of the Family Farm Credit Applications that were reviewed by the Board last Tuesday, November 26, 2019. There were three Family Farm Credit applications in question. They are as follows with the motions disallowing them.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp to disallow three parcels on BWT Farms' Family Farm Credit Application, due to tract of land being under 10 acres and owned by a different entity than the surrounding land. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to disallow 15 parcels on the Family Farm Credit Applications for Terry Luscombe, due to non-relative farming the ground. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Schumacher to disallow six parcels on the Family Farm Credit Application for Linda Joop due to non-relative farming the ground. All ayes, motion carried.

Cody Newgard and Terry Feger, area landowners and cattle farmers, came before the Board to discuss a county tile problem in their pasture, which is in Drainage District #101. Feger stated that the west tile line is in bad shape and water is backing up on his property and overloading the tile to the east. Feger has talked about this previously with some of the Board members.

Feger stated that they are looking at the probability of having to move their cattle out of the pasture, if these county tiles do not get fixed. Feger and Newgard are afraid they may lose a cow or two, because of the possibility of their cows being stuck in the mud. It will cost them more money to rent other pasture ground, if they can even find any different pasture for rent. Feger also mentioned problems in Drainage District #164 and another problem with a County Tile in Section 20 of Emmet Township. Pluth will go out and try to clear out the 12" tile today or tomorrow.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, presented the Board the Audit Representation letter to be signed. Each Board member signed the representation letter and return to our Audit firm, Winther & Stave & Company LLP.

The Board received a letter from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., concerning Joint Drainage District ECD No. 61, Branch 36 and Lateral 93. Dickinson County is the Control County for this joint district. The letter informed the Board that Jacobson-Westergard has been retained to provide engineering services for possible improvements to the area. This tile is located in Section 12 of Lloyd Township in Dickinson County and Section 7 of Twelve Mile Lake Township in Emmet County. Jacobson Westergard is planning to do the work as soon as possible. Quastad state he talked to Rick Hopper, Engineer from Jacobson Westergard and stated that we need to have a Petition first, before any work should be done.

The Board received a bill from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. for joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet and Dickinson Counties) for \$1559.50 for Engineering services in November for topographic survey and preparation of plan for additional construction of lateral improvements. Emmet County is the Control County for this drainage district. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve payment of \$1559.50 by Stamped Warrant, sign the joint claim, and forward to joint county, Dickinson for signature. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Glasnapp, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth,
Chairman