

## Board Minutes Monday October 11, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am October 11, 2021 with Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Rustad present.

Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer, presented three property tax bills that are now owned by Government entities to have the property taxes abated. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the abatements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Barb Schroeder, Conservation Director, met with the Board to discuss several projects to consider funding with American Rescue Plan funds.

Members of the Winneshiek County Celebration of Life group met with the Board to present a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Fromm, WCDD; Lora Friest, WCDD; and Josh Dansdill, NEIA RC&D; met with the Board to describe and provide the process for the Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Rustad to approve a letter of support for the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Berland, NEIA RC&D, met with the Board to review bids and present contracts for the Upper Iowa River Flood Reduction program, UI-BID-009. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to award the bids and enter into contracts with the low bidders as follows: Packet – A, Rausch Construction for \$107,823.50; Packet – B, Bacon Concrete for \$255,027.50; Packet – C, JB Holland for \$255,755.10; and Packet – D, Riehm Construction for \$210,957.10. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Rustad to enter into contract amendments with previous contracts to extend the end date to June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board. He discussed the ongoing Opioid Litigation. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vick to appoint Van Der Maaten as the Point of Contact for the County related to this litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Van Der Maaten also reviewed with the Board the process and procedures for issuing bonds to complete road projects. He will continue to research this and the Board will continue to discuss this option at future meetings.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the Noxious Weeds report of the County Weed Commissioner, Doug Groux. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed PTO and decided not to pursue it any further at this time.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, October 18, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors