

Board Minutes Monday May 8, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 8, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

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

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to approve the request by Burr Oak for road closures during the annual Laura Days celebration. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet 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.

Steve Johnson, Historical Preservation Commission, met with the Board to present a proclamation. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to proclaim May as Historic Preservation Month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer, met with the Board to request approval for a property tax suspension for Jennifer and Gary Mundt. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the request for parcel 202130200400. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 23-40, setting the public hearing on the FY23 budget amendment for May 30th at 9:30am. Motion carried unanimously. Public Notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the proposal from Hacker Nelson & Co for three years of preparation of the Independent Auditor's Annual Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Faldet made the recommendation for the County to except proposals from outside financial consultants to collect and report on the costs and benefits of the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with collecting proposals. Faldet will work with Steines and Andy Van Der Maaten to put together a Request for Proposals.

The Board opened the bids for lease of the approximately 12 acre parcel of farmland at the end of East Ridge Road. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to open the public hearing on the proposed lease of the land. Motion carried unanimously. Two of the bidders identified themselves and clarified items in their bids. No further comments were received. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the bid by Jodi Enos-Berlage at the annual rate of \$3,453.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. He reviewed the steps to take to recruit and hire a new County Engineer. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to have Van Der Maaten prepare a response letter to Bjerke's resignation asking him to remain in his current position through June 23, 2023 under the terms of the current employment contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Egan, NEICAC Transportation Director, met with the Board to give an overview of their program.

Kevin Lee met with the Board to discuss several recommendations and expectations he has in regards to the duties and responsibilities of Board members.

Shirley Vermace gave a public Thank You to Corey Meyer and Lee Bjerke.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 15, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors