

Board Minutes Monday August 28, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am August 28, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Chad Wilkins and Kevin Hanson, Iowa Rotocast Plastics, met with the Board to inquire about the potential sale of a parcel of land in Freeport to IRP to facilitate their installation of a solar array. The Board will check with other departments on the current and future use of the land, and discuss with the County Attorney the procedure if they wish to proceed.

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 the liquor licenses for Peppercorn Food Company and K-Town Tap. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer, met with the Board to inform them that due to lack of public utilizing the service, the County Treasurer's office will discontinue administration of the CDL skills testing. DOT regulations require testers to administer ten tests per year to remain certified, and they have only had two people request tests since February.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to issue the Request for Qualifications for a search firm to help recruit and hire a County Engineer, with a due date for the RFQ response of September 22. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, and Jeff Kuboushek, Road Maintenance Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-06, setting a public hearing on the vacation of the unused portion of Horn Hollow Road for September 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 24-07, authorizing an interfund loan from the General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$600,000. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 24-08, designating Rissman as the authorized engineer for Winneshiek County road projects managed through the DOT. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to authorize the purchase by the road department of a John Deere 6120M-2WD for \$98,000 and the Diamond Mowing equipment for \$29,598. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors