

Board Minutes Tuesday September 5, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 5, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Jerrine Osenga presented some information in regard to the land in Freeport that Iowa Rotocast Plastics has asked the County to sell.

John Beard presented some questions and comments from members of the public, former County Engineer Lee Bjerke, and County Attorney Andy Van Der Maaten; regarding road vacations the County may consider in the future.

John Halverson met with the Board to discuss tree treatment, future replacement, and other landscaping ideas. Faldet will work with Halverson and other local experts to put together a tree planting plan for consideration next spring and into the future.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, and Jeff Kuboushek, Road Maintenance Superintendent, met with the Board to review quotes for new maintainers, procedures for utility permits, and other road matters. The maintainer purchase will be addressed again at a meeting in the near future. The utility permits are an issue the County Engineers are discussing statewide, so may be addressed next Spring.

Jim Wicka met with the Board to request they consider a sale of property associated with the unused portions of Horn Hollow Road. He believes the County could sell the property rather than vacate it to the adjoining property owners. The Board will continue to discuss this topic at future meetings.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-09, setting a public hearing on the Loan and Disbursement agreement for up to \$600,000 for the Festina Sewer project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

The Board reviewed the three applications for County Engineer. They plan to interview the candidates later in September. They will discuss interview questions and procedures at next week's meeting.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, September 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors