

## Board Minutes February 5, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am February 5, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Barb Schroeder, Conservation Director, met with the Board to review projects that are currently planned. She outlined grants and matching fund sources for those projects. The Board plans to include the \$50,000 matching funds for the road to Neste Park in their FY25 budget.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the liquor license for Pinter's Gardens and Pumpkins, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Kristin Erickson met with the Board to present a letter from the Citizens for Good Government group outlining several questions about the potential land sale in Freeport and encouraging the Board to not pursue the sale.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to give updates on road department matters.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss several issues. The Board discussed the potential land sale in Freeport, with a majority in favor of pursuing the sale with a deed restriction to consider the whole area to be part of the Floodway Fringe district, not just the part of the property included on the flood maps. This restriction would then apply the same building and permit requirements on the whole property, not just the mapped portion. Van Der Maaten will prepare the paperwork for setting a public hearing and bidding process for consideration at the next meeting.

Van Der Maaten reviewed the RFP responses for HR services that were submitted. He stated any of the firms that submitted proposals would be fine, but would recommend Lynch Dallas based on prior working relationships, fee structure, and closer proximity of their offices. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to accept the proposal from Lynch Dallas. Motion carried unanimously. Van Der Maaten will work with them to prepare a formal agreement for services.

Van Der Maaten described the issues of cattle on the roadway in two separate locations. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to authorize Van Der Maaten to work with the Township Trustees in the effected areas to resolve the cattle issues. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the ongoing issues with the audio/visual equipment purchased from CTI, and the fact it hasn't resolved many of the issues for audio amplification in the meeting room. Van Der Maaten will review the contract with CTI and discuss with them how to resolve the payment request since not all of the issues have been addressed.

The Board reviewed the second run of the budget and will proceed with the public hearing and adoption process as presented.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, February 12, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors