

Board Minutes December 16, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am December 16, 2024 with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Members of the Frankville Water Board met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the additional treatment for high iron content in the water system. They requested the Board consider funding \$4500 of the implementation cost of the system. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve \$4500 for the Frankville Water Board to cover installation of the new system. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the claims filed with the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board to review 2024 projects and request funding for FY26.

Trisha Wilkins, NEIA Community Action Director, met with the Board to review programs and request funding for FY26.

Jayne Schultz, County Recorder, met with the Board to review her FY26 budget.

Members of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission met with the Board to give project updates and request funding for FY26.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to review road matters. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to approve the hire after pre-employment physicals of Andy Norton for the Signman position. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the MOU with Fillmore and Houston County Townships for Bridge Inspections. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Tom Murray met with the Board to describe his experiences on the Conservation Board and express concerns with the process of appointing Dan Langreck to the Conservation Board at the December 9th meeting.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to appoint Dr. Janet Ryan and Allison Schultz to the Board of Health for three year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to appoint Halley Wise, Carleton Haugen, and Stacey Gossling to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for three year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to appoint Ellen Rockne to the Compensation Commission for Eminent Domain. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the appointments by Benjamin Steines, County Auditor, of Lynne Bullerman, Lauri Kaeser, and Tony Clarke as Deputy Auditors. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to sign the paperwork for the acceptance of the SRF Loan Forgiveness for the Festina Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Steines reviewed the results of the December 10th Special Election for the vacancy on the Decorah City Council. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the Canvass Summary and Abstract of Votes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vermace discussed the Conservation Board appointment made at the December 9th meeting. She reviewed several concerns she had with the process. She asked if any of the three members who had voted affirmatively would consider a motion to reconsider the action. No motion to reconsider was made.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous budget items.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors