

May 8, 2023

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jeff Tindle, Diana Dawley, and Jason Roudabush.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve the agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Brian Paul, EMA Director, joined the meeting.

Brian Paul discussed with the board a disaster declaration for Poweshiek County due to Sunday's storm. Paul stated the most destructive damage occurred in Grinnell and the surrounding rural areas. Paul does not believe there will be enough damage to qualify for federal funds, but qualifying individuals would be able to qualify for individual assistance programs through state funding. There are income guidelines with this state funding assistance. It was moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve disaster declaration for Poweshiek County resulting from May 7 storm. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Paul advised the board that the EMA vehicle and logistics trailer sustained hail damage.

8:50 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer joined the meeting.

8:55 a.m. Bob Wilhelm, Maintenance Director joined the meeting. Wilhelm advised there was tree damage from the storm and that has all been cleaned up. Wilhelm is going to assess if any damage was done to the county services building in Grinnell.

Brehm stated his bridge crew will be working on replacing two bridges this summer and Brehm is preparing to publish a bid notice to accept bids for the materials for these bridge projects.

9:18 a.m. J.D. Griffith, Sanitarian/Zoning Administrator joined the meeting.

Griffith stated his county vehicle has been damaged from the Sunday storm.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve May 4, 2023 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the ARPA request from Montezuma Food Pantry to help with food insecurity by purchasing a refrigerated dairy case. Board felt this was a good request for the ARPA funds and will approve via resolution at the next board meeting.

Board discussed the Sapphire Lake project and if the county would be comfortable with assisting in the initial funding of this project with coordination from City of Grinnell. The lake would be a public lake with public access and housing development. Board reviewed assumptions on financing, taking into consideration the contribution from City of Grinnell. Board realizes that some debt service levy would be assessed to all taxpayers to pay back the debt especially in the early years. In future years, with development, tax increment financing would assist with paying back debt. City of Grinnell has agreed to contribute \$500,000 per year up to 10 years. Board discussed a request from City of Grinnell to sign a joint letter to State of Iowa to proceed with the grant funding request. This subject was not an agenda item and therefore no decision or vote was taken on the topic.

Roudabush provided the other board members with an update on the progress of the county-wide radio system/tower project.

Tindle stated he has a conservation board meeting and Iowa River Watershed meeting this week.

Roudabush stated he has a landfill meeting this week.

11:07 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman