

August 24, 2017

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley & Larry Wilson

Vice Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve August 22, 2017 board minutes. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Becky Petig, County Attorney and Mark Vavroch, Conservation Director met with board to discuss amendment to North English Wind Project Lease. Becky spoke about the changes the amendment addressed and her major concern was that it took away final say by the county regarding submitted site plans.

8:34 a.m. Trevor White joined the meeting.

Mark Vavroch states his conservation board would like to get out of the original lease and his board does not want to sign the lease amendment.

Larry thought perhaps if we do not sign the amendment, we could reach out to Tradewind to cancel the original lease agreement.

Trevor stated he is not in favor of trying to back out of the original lease. In the original lease, the county still has some authority. The county felt comfortable with original lease which was signed but he is not comfortable with the amendment. Trevor feels this would send bad message to public if county tries to get out of original lease.

Diana stated it was her thought that the conservation board was not in favor of signing the amendment and further would like to get out of the original lease. Since Tradewind is not going to be using the land as originally planned, Diana feels it would be fine to ask if the county could get out of the lease.

Mark would like Becky to speak with Jeff Hammond to let him know the county is not in favor of signing the amendment to the lease and see about possibly getting out of the original lease.

Becky stated that she feels the conservation land is unique and with the changes being made from the original lease and the land not being used as originally planned, that trying to back out of lease would not look bad as it affects county conservation land.

Larry agrees to not sign amendment & try to get out of original lease. Larry advised Becky to contact Jeff Hammond of Tradewind with this information.

Becky states she will meet with Jeff Hammond of Tradewind and relay that the county will not sign proposed amendment. We wanted the project to go forward so the county entered into the original lease and now that county land is not needed, the county would like to terminate the original lease.

9:04 a.m. Becky Petig, County Attorney presented the board a proposed resolution regarding the weapons policy for Poweshiek County. The board will review the proposed resolution and get with department heads and other elected officials to get their input on the proposed resolution.

9:15 a.m. Laura Tish, Assistant Commission of Election joined the meeting to discuss the fiber running from sheriff's office to courthouse and not being on One Call. Trevor stated that Brooklyn Telephone has been coming over to locate the fiber. Trevor states that this does need to be on One Call. Trevor states he will talk with Brooklyn Telephone to see if their board would approve a contract with Poweshiek County and the county could get this with One Call. Trevor asked Laura to get prices on contracting with them for

the One Call location service. Trevor stated we need to get a map for the fiber lines with location, distances & depths.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve certificate of appointment for Dalton Kies, Part-time Jailer, Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office, effective August 24, 2017 with rate of pay \$16.08 per hour. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve August 25, 2017 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$275,162.87. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve amendment to Food Service Contract between Poweshiek County & CBM Managed Services and authorize Trevor White, chairman to sign amendment. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Larry stated he is moving forward regarding signage at the Community Services Building in Grinnell. Larry has contacted a tree service to get a quote on trimming/removing some trees at Community Services Building.

Board discussed farm lease agreement of county farm land. The current lease agreements were a one-year term with potential of four one-year extensions with terms to be renegotiated between landlord and tenant upon request for the one-year extension.

Steve Short joined the meeting to update the board that Mainstreet Hardware contacted him about contracting with them for cleaning supplies, etc. Currently the county gets all supplies from Brooklyn True Value, they are delivered each week, and they keep inventory of items needed. The board advised Steve to use his judgment on what he thought would be best.

Board discussed PLP Leadership Program and the possibility of sending a county employee to be part of this program.

Diana stated she attended orientation for NE Iowa Council on Aging yesterday. Board discussed meals on wheels.

10:10 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman