

June 26, 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 agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve June 19, 2023 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve June 23, 2023 Poweshiek County payroll for \$272,975.06. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:33 a.m. Tom Cheney and Adam Cheney joined the meeting.

8:35 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer met with board to provide secondary road update. Brehm also presented IDOT agreement, Project No. STP-021-2(27)—2C-79, regarding their resurfacing of IA21 from I-80 to US6. County cooperated with them to pave the approaches on some unpaved roads while they had the contractor in working on 21. The agreement states the county will reimburse IDOT for the expenses, once invoiced by IDOT. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve IDOT agreement, Project No. STP-021-2(27)—2C-79 and authorize chairman to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to enter into public hearing to receive comments regarding proposed expansion of Bear Creek Dairy in NE ¼, NE ¼, Section 9, Bear Creek Township. The proposed expansion is two new immature dairy calf bedded confinement buildings and an addition onto an existing dairy cattle free stall confinement building at an existing dairy cattle confinement facility. Present: Tom Cheney, Adam Cheney, Nancy Cadmus, Valerie Vetter, Jan Boelen, Dorine Boelen, Becky Sexton, JD Griffith, Larry Ford, and Jen Sinkler. Boelen stated they currently transport certain size heifers to Wisconsin and back. This expansion will eliminate that transport creating a cost savings. Nancy Cadmus stated she always has a concern with CAFO's within the county and the spreading of manure and runoff. Sexton stated that currently Bear Creek Dairy houses 3200 head and with the expansion it would be 4600. Val Vetter inquired what is done with the manure and if there would be a bigger manure storage area. Becky Sexton stated the manure is spread and there is enough land for all the manure. Sexton further stated that the current manure storage is large enough as it is built for large animal confinement. Roudabush stated he had received calls regarding road traffic. Dawley stated she toured the facility and stated the animals are very well cared for. Tindle stated he toured the facility on a hot day and the buildings were cool with fans and water misting on the cattle. Dawley stated the board reviewed the master matrix at a prior board meeting. 9:17 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to end public hearing. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed request from Montezuma Municipal Light & Power (MMLP) to sign a letter of support for a grant they are seeking. MMLP is engaged with Iowa State University in application for a \$10,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department Of Energy (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED). MMLP has cleared the first round of the application process. As a part of the full application MMLP needs to show community support for the project by way of this support letter. The proposal by MMLP is for Building the First Renewable Community Microgrid in Rural Iowa, which will include a 2.5 Mw solar field, a 0.57MW/1.5Mwh Battery Storage Unit (BESS), a new feeder to bring the power from the solar to our grid, a new power plant substation and switchgear to connect to and distribute the solar power onto our grid, new SCADA system, a Public EV Charging station (at a location yet to be determined) and new AMI metering system for demand response. This letter of support is not asking for any financial contribution from the county. Board felt this is a good project and will help MMLP to supply power in the most affordable and dependable way. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve letter of support for Building the First Renewable Community Microgrid in Rural Iowa project for MMLP. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:53 a.m. Barb Watson joined the meeting. Barb inquired about the information regarding the letter of support for MMLP's grant request.

10:00 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with board for quarterly meeting. Ross stated the recent tax sale went well and that 106 parcels were sold with 11 no sales. Ross also stated that due to recent legislation, the county can collect a \$10 cash convenience fee from anyone that is not a resident of Poweshiek County or a taxpayer of Poweshiek County when they are obtaining an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID.

Board discussed the location of the proposed EMA building. It was initially thought this building was going to be placed over the geothermal grid. Tindle stated that after researching, it was found that the geothermal grid was relocated from the original blueprints and thus this building would not be over the grid area. Board felt that this location would be acceptable. Tindle stated grade work is scheduled to begin in August with build to start in September.

Board received a letter from City of Grinnell stating they do not support the development of a soybean crushing facility at a site on the south side of Grinnell. City of Grinnell would like the county to work with local development officials to consider locations removed from population centers.

Dawley stated she has NEI3A meeting on Wednesday and juvenile detention center meeting Friday.

Tindle stated he has a DeCat meeting on Wednesday.

10:46 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman