

August 2, 2018

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. at Drake Library, Grinnell, Iowa. Members present Diana Dawley, Trevor White & Larry Wilson. Also present: Dann Hayes, Poweshiek CR, Merle Doty, Donna Winburn, Lamoyne Gaard, John Clayton.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve July 30, 2018 minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve Utility Permit #19-05U to Windstream for work in Section 3, Sugar Creek Township and Section 34, Washington Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received manure management plans for the following proposed confinements:

- Frisco Finisher Farm, NW ¼ SW ¼, Section 30, Jackson Township
- Reo Finisher Farm, Gov Lot 5, NW ¼, Section 1, Deep River Township
- Hayward Finisher Farm, SW ¼ SE ¼, Section 21, Deep River Township

Donna Winburn inquired who received the manure management plans first. Dawley stated that they are sent to the auditor's office for signature receipt and then sent on to the DNR.

Winburn inquired who owns the farms and White stated that Iowa Select Farms leases the land from landowners. Clayton inquired if the information on who owns that land is in the application. Dawley stated that it was and he could get that information from the auditor's office.

The board scheduled public hearing to receive comments on the proposed confinements for August 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom, Poweshiek County Courthouse. The board will send letters to all landowners/residents within a 2-mile radius of the proposed confinements.

White stated he received a message from the Mayor of City of Hartwick regarding planting a tree being donated from the county extension. City of Hartwick would like to plant the tree by their sign outside of town but this would be within county right-of-way so they wanted to get permission from the county. The board stated they did not have a problem with that as long as the engineer is ok with it.

8:41 a.m. Jean Perri joined the meeting.

8:42 a.m. Ben Anderson, Deputy/Jail Administrator joined the meeting.

8:44 a.m. Worthin Grattan joined the meeting.

8:52 a.m. Brenda Dailey, CICS met with board to provide update for CICS.

8:55 a.m. Mary Shutts joined the meeting.

9:06 a.m. Russ Behrens, Grinnell City Manager; Dan Sicard, Grinnell Fire Chief; and Dan Agnew, Mayor, City of Grinnell met with the board to discuss ambulance service. Behrens stated that the contract currently held with Midwest Ambulance will terminate in August 2019 so they are in the process of looking at the contract and other options for ambulance service. Behrens stated their purpose for meeting today was to get feedback from the county on what role they would like in negotiations and how the county would like to move forward on this matter. Dawley stated she feels we need to have high level of service so other ambulances in the county could tier, if needed. Behrens stated that since there is a hospital located in Grinnell, the paramedic level of service is not a high priority for them as the individual can be to the hospital in a short time. Behrens stated they would be forming a committee and would invite a supervisor to be part of that committee. Behrens further stated that currently the City of Grinnell contracts with some Jasper County Townships and Oakland Acres for ambulance services. Wilson stated he feels

townships would need to contract for ambulance services. Wilson would like to think the county could also play a role as he is not sure the townships could levy the amount needed so the county may need to help. White stated that everyone needs to work together to figure out what direction to go. White is not opposed to a committee and having a supervisor sit on the committee to represent the county. White wants to find a solution that would provide the best available service for what the budget will allow. Dawley stated she is trying to learn more about the ambulance service and has been speaking with people regarding countywide ambulance service. She would like to hear more from them.

Board discussed with Lyle Brehm planting of tree in county right-of-way requested by City of Hartwick. Brehm stated as long as it is by the sign it would probably be ok but he will look at the site and then get in contact with City of Hartwick.

Board discussed with the engineer the landfill per capita rate and amount needed in the sanitary disposal fund for closure / post-closure operations. The current resolution enacted in 2005 state a per capita of \$2.00 per person and to maintain a fund balance of \$1 million to \$1.5 million. Currently the fund is over \$1.5 million and the question is if the per capita should be lowered or if the fund balance should be increased. Brehm felt that the fund balance should be increased due to the increased cost of closure/post closure expenses but perhaps the per capita could remain the same or cut in half just to have enough to cover the yearly expenses.

9:53 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman

August 6, 2018

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

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with board to present the FY'18 Semi-Annual Report. Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve Treasurer's FY'18 Semi-Annual Report. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:44 a.m. Lamoyne Gaard joined the meeting.

9:00 a.m. Dennis Martin met with the board to discuss suspension of taxes on his mother, Della Stevens' property in Deep River. After discussion, it was moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve tax suspension for Della Stevens, Grier's Lot 2 of Lot 7 Block 1, Town of Deep River. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussed placing photos of the president and governor in each office of the county. The board felt satisfied with these photos being placed in the boardroom only. The board stated that all inquiries regarding president and governor photos in office should be directed to them and individuals inquiring should make an appointment to meet with the board.

The board discussed ambulance service in the rural Grinnell area of the county. Dawley stated she felt the City of Grinnell should include the townships in their discussion for ambulance service and the city to contract with the Poweshiek County townships. Wilson stated that he agrees but perhaps the county could be a representative for the townships. Wilson stated need to discuss appropriate way to determine the county contribution to the ambulance services. Dawley stated if the townships are contracting and levying for ambulance service, why should the county continue to also tax for the service. White stated there are several options to look at for services. Board discussed who would serve on the ambulance committee that the City of Grinnell would like to set up. White and Dawley

both expressed interest in being on that committee. The board decided that Trevor White would sit on the committee.

9:33 a.m. Terry Pickett, Assistant to the Engineer and Jarrod Noack, MidAmerican Energy met with board to provide an update on the windfarm project. Noack stated he is anticipating a late September to early October completion date. They are working with Engineer on the roads and doing any work needed to repair any portions.

Board discussed the GA guidelines for funeral/burial assistance. Brent Holland inquired if the board would consider allowing more time for families to contact general assistance office. Currently general assistance should be contacted prior to any funeral arrangements being made. Board placed a telephone call to Susan Hiner, GA, to see if there would be any negative to extending the timeframe for families to contact for assistance. Dawley stated she feels it would be best to contact prior to any arrangements being made and Hiner agreed. Wilson stated if the funeral home directors would like to meet with the board, he would be open to listen to suggestions. White stated he needs more time to think about this request.

10:14 a.m. Gary Wilson, Chester Township Clerk joined the meeting.

Gary Wilson inquired about the meeting with City of Grinnell regarding ambulance service. The board advised that meeting was last week. Larry Wilson discussed ambulance service/levy with Gary Wilson and the possibility of Chester Township doing a levy for ambulance service. Dawley stated there is a maximum the township could levy for total EMS service, which is 60  $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per thousand. Dawley stated that the board will reach out to the townships affected to schedule a meeting for those who want to attend.

10:55 a.m. Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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