

SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

May 24, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 24, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others present were Gary VanAernam, Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Deb Campbell, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Miranda Bills, Duane Deist and John Danos of Dorsey-Whitney via Zoom.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the agenda. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting after correction of vote for ACED allocation being Sorensen and VanAernam Ayes and Thompson voting Nay via telephone. Vote-ad previously recorded.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to accept/file MMP annual update for Audubon Site-Joey Schon #64318. Vote-all in favor. Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve Doug's Agri-Hall bar annual liquor license #LC0024421. Vote-all in favor. Recorder Miranda Bills was asked by the Board to give an update on the IT hiring situation. She reported that 8 applications have been forwarded on to the ICIT committee for review but no response back. Sorensen stated our main concerns are the backup situation and keys to the system. It was suggested that Sorensen contact Andrew of Marion County concerning these issues.

Auditor Frederiksen and Treasurer Campbell discussed current problems their offices are encountering with the new financial Tyler system. Tyler has not provided any on-site visits as requested and all training has been done online causing multiple issues. It was discussed that a telephone conversation or e-mail by the Supervisors to Tyler Project Manager Ashley Howard would be helpful explaining our current problems.

John Danos of Dorsey-Whitney joined meeting via Zoom and discussion was held on UR tax abatement plans. After general discussion and questions with Attorney Swensen and Engineer Rydl it was suggested that some questions needed to be answered: legal description of property, when TIF was started with the Landus property (brought into area and started producing TIF revenue), what taxable parcels are hosting TIF, has there been any growth after frozen base was established and TIF history of parcels, etc. Danos also explained the difference between TIF abatement and TIF rebate. He discussed the process of doing amendment to the UR plan to include Public Hearings and such could involve approximately 6-8 weeks. No decisions made and communication with Danos will continue.

Engineer Rydl discussed issues with the end distribution of the rock on the Ross laydown yard Duane Deist was also present and a contractual agreement from a previous meeting held with NextEra and Engineer staff was discussed. The agreement concerned the County receiving 4000 tons of gravel from the South laydown yard for the purpose of road maintenance. Deist would like all gravel to be removed as soon as possible and agreement states it is to be removed by May 23, 2022 which of course has passed. Rydl states he will have trucks loading as soon as possible. Discussion was held on reconstructing the corner back to how it was before NextEra occupied the area. Deist would like to see the corner remain as it is now mainly for safety reasons. Rydl stated county could cut the corner back to 75% of current width. No decisions made and Supervisors will review corner at end of meeting.

Engineer continued to discuss rock hauling, pros and cons of widening the corner including costs. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the 2022 letting for the pavement markings project be let in August instead of September. Vote-all in favor. Discussed bridge projects, Windstream fiber projects, bridge railings, increased material costs. Reviewed Unplugged lease agreement and stated this was a recommendation of State Auditor and Attorney will review.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) at 11:35 a.m. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to exit closed session at 11:55 a.m. Vote-all in favor. No decisions made.

The ICAP IT risk control documents were reviewed and contact will be made with ICAP to see if this could be delayed until the County has an IT person on staff. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to recess at 12:10 a.m. Vote-all in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 a.m. with Sorensen, Thompson, VanAernam and Clerk Marten present at NextEra Energy laydown yard located at 160th and Jay. Engineer Rydl, Jami Schleimer and Duane Deist were also present. Much discussion held on the layout of the corner at this intersection and how it can be reconstructed to be the safest. No decision made at this time. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


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