

September 17, 2020

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

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve September 10 & 14, 2020 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve September 18, 2020 Poweshiek County payroll for \$263,828.70. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer met with board to present bridge project plans for supervisors' signatures for project BROS-SWAP-CO79 (55)-SE-79 for bridge located in Section 26, Malcom Township.

Brehm also discussed a driveway he was considering building across the highway from the east entrance to Pirates at Lake Ponderosa. Brehm states there is an issue with ATV/UTV's driving from Pirates along water's edge east and then they pop up on road at an angle and they have undermined the pavement. The DNR has also identified this as a problem during their dam inspection. Brehm states he needs to find a way to defer ATV/UTV's from traveling along this path and creating more damage to the area. Brehm feels if he places a barricade that individuals will move it and drive that path anyway. Brehm stated he could look into putting in some rip rap in that area to defer individuals. It is important that individuals at Lake Ponderosa driving the ATV/UTV know the importance of staying clear of this path and what destruction it creates for the road and the dam.

8:40 a.m. Lyle Tompkins joined the meeting.

Lyle Tompkins wanted to thank the board for the work completed on 480th by Lake Ponderosa.

9:00 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j). 3 ayes. Motion carried. 9:26 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to end closed session. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:57 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

September 21, 2020

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

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

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

8:30 a.m. Call to Lyle Brehm, Engineer to discuss stop sign in Deep River. City of Deep River contacted supervisor Dawley with concerns about the bus stop in Deep River and the safety of the children entering and exiting the bus. City would like a stop sign placed at the bus stop location. Lyle Brehm stated the county could provide the stop sign if city or school district would provide the base. It was moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve a regulatory stop sign being portable with the county providing the stop sign and the city/school district to provide the base; said location for stop sign being 2nd Street West of IA 85, Deep River. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:45 a.m. Dr. Janet Stutz, Grinnell-Newburg Superintendent met with board to discuss tax abatement request. Also present Sandy Ross, Treasurer. School is requesting abatement for parcels 3111100, 3111200, 3136900, 3137200, 3231800, and 3231900 as these parcels are being used for school extracurricular and co-curricular activities,

agricultural instruction, FFA soil judging activities, etc. Roudabush stated he has concerns that based from an article he read in the paper that the school is not using or going to use this location for school purposes. Stutz reassures that these parcels are being used as stated for school purposes. Dawley stated based from the Code of Iowa, the supervisors are not required to abate any taxes. Stutz stated she hopes the board will consider abatement and especially with the circumstances arising this year with COVID, the devastating storm that tore through with the school receiving significant damage, and the changes in return to learn for students. Board discussed the request and felt it best to abate this year and to re-visit next year. It was moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve tax abatement for Grinnell-Newburg Community School District for parcels 3111100, 3111200, 3136900, 3137200, 3231800, and 3231900. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Bart Klaver, County Attorney and Mark Vavroch, Conservation Director met with board to discuss a 10-acre parcel that conservation would like to purchase. This parcel is located in the middle of conservation land and would be beneficial for county conservation to obtain this land. The current owner of this 10-acre parcel expressed interest in purchasing an 8-acre piece of county land in Jackson Township that adjoins his property. The county is required to hold a public hearing if they intend to sell 8 acres. Auditor will work with county attorney to prepare necessary resolution and to set public hearing.

9:53 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman