

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
October 18, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes dated October 11, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the tentative agenda with striking the closed session. Ayes all, motion carried.

John Torbert, IDDA Director, provided his annual report. He discussed the annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2022 in Fort Dodge, navigable waters of the United States, federal grants to encourage conservation drainage and inquired about any legislative priority the County was interested in.

Margo Underwood, Hometown Pride Community Coach, gave an update on Hometown Pride and Leadership. Since 2012, between fund raising and grants, Hometown Pride has received \$1,558,672.86 for the different communities in Pocahontas County.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, and landowner, Kim Johnson, discussed abandoning DD 8 East, Br. L from the ½ section line in section 34-92-34 to the west end of the tile. Johnson's plan is to build a 10-foot-deep pond in the SW-NW and the SE-NW forties. Atherton advised that Johnson would have to make sure she is not blocking the two tile lines that cross the north road, and Johnson would have to maintain an overflow outlet. Stauter said that the two tile lines would be a good inlet for the pond. Johnson said she would investigate the tile. As Trustees of DD 8 East, Br. L, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to abandon Branch L from the ½ section line of 34-92-34 to the west end of the tile. Ayes all, motion carried.

Landowner, Jim Malecek, requested to run tile from his land (SW-SW and SE-SW of 34-92-33) that is in DD 30 Branch 3 to DD 30 Branch 8. Atherton explained that Branch 8 was already at capacity and no new land should be taken in. Atherton recommended that instead he run a 15" single wall or a 12" dual wall tile to the 30-inch DD 30 Br. 2's tile that is present on the west side of the SW-SW. Atherton presented maps and answered questions. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve Malecek's revised request to tile into DD 30 Br. 2. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, did not have any information to discuss on Goldsmith Pit outside Marathon, IA but was interested in feedback on the use of Magnesium Chloride for dust control. The Supervisors advised that they did not see a difference between the magnesium chloride and ligemen.

Curt Sindergard and John Pohlman, PCEDC Board Members, advised that Mary Jo Litwiller, from Laurens, has accepted the position as the new Executive Director of PCEDC. Litwiller will begin her new role on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the caretaker position for the Pioneer Cemetery in Swan Lake Township. Supervisor Siepker volunteered to take over the position.

The Board discussed participating in the Soil Compaction Study that will analyze soil and moisture that will assist in the development of procedures and standards to assist in the mitigation of soil compaction and can later be incorporated into state regulations for minimizing soil compaction and protection of agricultural lands. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve a payment of \$600.00 to ISAC to assist with the Soil Compaction project. Ayes all, motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Smith, to appoint Robert Beneke to the Conservation Board for the remainder of a five-year term ending on December 31, 2024. Ayes-Aden, Stauter, Siepker, Smith; Nays-Ives. Motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2022. Ayes all, motion carried. The interest for the quarter totaled \$85,270.97 and there were 432 driver's licenses issued with \$3,024.00 in revenue earned.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden to approve the liquor license for the Fonda Golf Course, effective October 14th. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to accept the Weed Commissioner's annual report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Wyatt Rahn, FT Deputy Sheriff, as he has reached 24-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. As of October 23, 2022, Rahn's rate of pay will change to \$32.48/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve a pay increase for Nicole Huegerich, PT Jailer/Dispatcher, as she has reached 6-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. As of October 11, 2022, Huegerich's rate of pay was changed to \$18.46/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve a pay increase for Joann Huegerich, PT Jailer/Dispatcher, as she has reached 6-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. As of November 1, 2022, Huegerich's rate of pay will be changed to \$18.46/hr., as per union contract.

Weekly meetings: Stauter-EMS and Conference Board; Siepker-Conference Board; and Smith-Safety, Wellness, and Conference Board.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.