Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
February 16, 2016

9:30 A.M. Present are Supervisors Paul Johnson, Mardi Allen, Pam Jordan-telephonically, Bill Leupold-Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson, David Gottsche.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson David Gottsche.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

Moved by Leupold, seconded by Allen, to approve the February 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as presented to the board. Roll call vote: Leupold-aye Allen-aye, Johnson-aye, Jordan-aye, Gottsche-aye.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Leupold, to approve the Class B Liquor License (L) for Mel, LLL, d/b/a Main Event Bar and eatery. License expires 3-1-2017. Roll call vote: Johnson-aye, Leupold-aye, Allen-aye, Jordan-aye, Gottsche-aye.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Allen, to approve the Class C Liquor License (LC) for Indian Hills Golf Club, Inc. License expires 11-6-2016. Roll call vote: Johnson-aye, Allen-aye, Jordan-aye, Leupold-aye, Gottsche-aye.

Tiffany Schon-Adminstrator of The Pride Group @ Okoboji, and Gretchen Gallops-Team Leader at The Pride Group @ Okoboji present to introduce themselves to the board. They encouraged the board to contact them with any questions or concerns regarding the facility and will follow-up with contact information. There was some concern regarding the maintenance of the lift station, Schon informed the board that a new maintenance person has been hired and that she would personally follow-up on the concern.

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the votes cast in Dickinson County, on February 9, 2016 for the Iowa Lakes Community College (Merged Area III) Special Election, Public Measure A, proposing the authorization of the "entity" to contract indebtedness and issue its School Bonds in an amount not to exceed $16,000,000 to provide funds to defray the costs of improving sites within Merged Area III. The votes were tabulated and the results declared as set forth in the election records which, by this reference, is made a part of these proceedings.

	Total Votes		Yes	Yes %	No	No %
Harris-Lake Park	27		14		13	
Okoboji Comm	182		58		124	
Spirit Lake Comm	157		90		67	
Absentee	225		123		101	
Total	591*		285	48.30%	305	51.70%

*represents 1 Blank Ballot

County Engineer present. Moved by Allen, seconded by Leupold to approve the engineer's recommendation to approve the low bid for Project Number STP-S-C030(34)—5E-30 to Cedar Valley Corporation of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of $1,031,388.20. This project is a concrete reconstruction project on 255th Avenue through Section #34 in Spirit Lake Township. The road will be closed to through traffic during construction. Roll call vote: Allen-aye, Leupold-aye, Johnson-aye, Jordan-aye, Gottsche-aye.

Consideration of vacating a portion of 180th Avenue between Sections 32 and 33 in Okoboji Township was put on hold until a future meeting.

Mike Hawkins DNR Fisheries Biologist present to address the board and concerned citizens regarding the East Okoboji Curlyleaf Pond Weed Problem, and Joint Management Plan for the Treatment of Curlyleaf Pondweed. The pondweed was first documented in Iowa in 1954 and in the Iowa Great Lakes shortly after that first discovery. It is now found in 48 states. In 2015, the area from the north end of the Narrows to the Fish Hatchery was greatly infiltrated with the species. The last time the area had seen this type of impact was in the late 1980's. Other natural lakes in the region also had increased levels of the pondweed growth leading to the belief that environmental conditions during winter and spring 2015-2015 played a huge part in the increased growth. Curlyleaf is a submersed aquatic perennial herb. A flowered spike grows above the water surface, it tolerates cold weather and reproduces by turions produced from leaf axils. It is quick to establish in early spring before native aquatic plants start to grow, and has an early dieback season during June or July. Factors that contribute to the growth are: increased light levels, short ice duration, low snow cover, high turion density and distribution, and low water levels. Hawkins went on to state that even though Curlyleaf is non-native, it does provide ecosystem benefits for fish and wildlife and actually can improve lake water quality.

There are a number of treatment methods that have been implemented in other areas. Whole, partial, and spot treatments using aquatic herbicides have resulted in varied success rates, mechanical cutting or pulling (most successive in small areas around docks and shorelines), low-dose Endothall or Diquat Herbicide spot treatment methods have shown the best promise for controlling the leaf in a cost efficient manner. Hawkins would propose to treat approximately 65 acres of the shoreline in the 100 foot travel lane of the lake would provide travel lanes for boats to move south. Estimated cost for the treatment would be $19,000-$20,000, in which there would be multiple partners to help finance the "experiment" plan.

After much discussion, Bill Maas agreed to organize a Joint Informational Public Meeting to gather additional input on the matter, and propose planning and financial strategies to fund the project.

The board gave their weekly board and committee reports.

There being no further business presented to the board, it was moved by Leupold, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M. to the call of the Chairman.

_____David Gottsche, Chairperson

_____Lori Pedersen, Auditor