

Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
July 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. Present are Supervisors Kim Wermersen, Steve Clark, Jeff Thee, Tim Fairchild Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson Bill Leupold.

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

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Thee, to approve two drop-off sites for residents of Dickinson County residing in the unincorporated areas of the county for those needing to dispose of flood damaged goods as a result of the recent events. The dumpsters will be located at 1490 255th Avenue, Spirit Lake (Spirit Lake Secondary Roads Maintenance Shed), and at 2246 220th St., Milford (Milford Secondary Roads Maintenance Shed). White goods such as appliances will not be accepted at these sites. The dumpsters are expected to remain for at least one month. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Collin Klingbeil, engineer with Jacobson Westergard and Associates present along with landowners residing within Drainage District #48 to discuss recent events that occurred within the district after the monumental rain event. Collin presented a myriad of photos that were taken on or around the time of the heavy rainfall of June 21-22. A substantial amount of surface runoff water from DD#48 ran through the back lot of Kabele's Trading Post, through the City of Spirit Lake's lagoon access road, then across Hill Avenue into East Lake, carrying with it gravel, sand and debris. Several residents within the district received various amounts of flooding as well. Klingbeil further stated that the runoff went over the old railroad bed, bike trail and then entered the city lagoons that most likely led to erosion on the city access road. Many factors led to the occurrence of the flooding, such as the record rainfall in a 5-day period, plugged intakes, high water levels on East Lake Okoboji, and undersized culverts. Supervisor Fairchild stated that this may be the time to re-address the feasibility of constructing a retention pond within DD#48, with the hopes that there may be grants available for Clean Water and Flood Mitigation. After further discussion, it was moved by Fairchild, seconded by Clark, to direct Collin Klingbeil from Jacobson Westergard to look into the feasibility and funding sources regarding possible creation of a retention pond or other drainage source. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Thee, to authorize the county engineer to hire a contractor to clean-out the plugged intakes within DD#48. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Thee-aye, Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Brad Beck from Beck Engineering, and Collin Klingbeil from Jacobson Westergard present with information regarding their scope of services using drones to flyover drainage districts within Dickinson County to access damages that may have occurred, and to help in obtaining money from FEMA for said damages. County Engineer Cole Budach stated that at this time, he would probably just recommend the districts that have main open ditches (approximately 30) be droned. Since Dickinson County is a part of numerous joint districts, this may need to come back before the boards at a later date for approval. It was then moved by Wermersen, seconded by Thee to approve the hiring of Beck Engineering for drone flyover. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

The Board gave their board and committee reports and continued into general discussion.

Time for the closed session pursuant to code chapter 21.5.1 (c). Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to go into closed session. All voted aye. Present are: County Attorney Steve Goodlow, County Engineer Cole Budach, Supervisors Kim Wermersen, Steve Clark, Jeff Thee, Tim Fairchild, William Leupold, and County Auditor Lori Pedersen. Closed session recorded.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Thee, to go out of closed session. All voted aye. No action taken.

There being no further items presented to the board, moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to adjourn. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 11:45 a.m.

_____ William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor