

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
November 5, 2019**

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

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

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen to approve the October 22, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Beth Will present regarding the Northwest Iowa Care Connections update. O'Brien County petitioned to join Sioux Rivers Region and leave NWICC effective July 1, 2020. If the remaining four counties of NWICC want to petition to join another contiguous region, deadline to file is November 15, 2019. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark to set up a special meeting of the Board for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 4 pm in the Courthouse Community Room to discuss further and/or act on this situation. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, Fairchild-aye and Leupold-aye.

Aric Ping, IRVM Vegetation Specialist present with the annual Weed Commissioner Report. Ping said Iowa Code asked for three things in the annual weed commission report; Name and location of all primary noxious weeds and any new, a statement of treatment and future plans for eradication, and a summary of the weed situation within the jurisdiction. Report is on file at the Auditor's office and sent to the State Secretary of Agriculture as required. Wermersen moved, Fairchild seconded to accept the Weed Commissioner's Report. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Jordan-aye-Clark-aye, Leupold-aye.

County Treasurer Kris Rowley present with two petitions for abatement or suspension of property taxes. She explained the Iowa Code sections which define suspension or abatement of taxes. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Jordan to approve the suspension of taxes for parcel number 0709331007 in the amount of \$1,255 for one year. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Jordan-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye. Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Clark to abate the property taxes for parcels 110710425 and 1107153003 in the amount of \$972 for one year. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Jordan-aye and Leupold-aye. Rowley's update on legislative proposals postponed until a later date.

Trails Director Erin Reed present along with Jason Eygabroad, Beck Engineering. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild to approve Change Order #1 for project NRT-C030(53)—9G-30-Beck Excavating, Inc., the rails-to-trails project behind Hy-Vee. Change order results in a net reduction of \$1,879.16. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Clean Water Alliance Coordinator John Wills and Supervisor Jordan updated the Board on the county applying for a State Revolving Loan Fund no-interest loan to cash flow the Francis Sites Wetland Project pending re-imbusement of grants secured. This item will be put back on the agenda when the loan application is completed and ready for submission in early December 2019.

Supervisor Wermersen updated the Board on the multiple and complex issues surrounding recycling by the County. Lee Sorenson, DCCB, Steve Anderson, Mayor of Milford and Dan Eckert, County Engineer joined in the discussion. No action taken as Wermersen will gather more information.

Supervisor Jordan updated the Board on the crafting of a letter from the Supervisors to IDNR Solid Waste Division regarding recommendations for permit and notification policy changes that came out of the environmental report by Coggin and Fairchild, Environmental Consultants commissioned by the Supervisors. Waste Management, Inc. who owns and manages the Dickinson County Landfill, was granted permits to accept oil-contaminated vegetation at the county site after the BNSR derailment of oil-filled rail cars in Doon, Iowa, on June 22, 2018. Jordan met with Mary Skopec and Jane Shuttleworth of

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory who will provide technical assistance in the writing of the letter which will be brought back to the Supervisors for approval within 30 days.

County Engineer Dan Eckert present. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve Joint Drainage District #1 D&O repair work for Kevin Zinn. The repair should be less than \$1,000. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to approve the repair work for Mark Graves in Joint Drainage District #2 D&O. The cost should be less than \$500. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to approve the repair work for David Lorch in Joint Drainage District #2 D&O. The cost should be less than \$1,000. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the beaver dam removal for Dickinson County in Joint Drainage District #3 D&O. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to approve the repair work for Brad Graham Drainage District #6. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to approve the repair work for Joel Fisher in Drainage District #69. The cost should be less than \$500. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the 25- mph speed at Milford Corporate Limits at 6th St West of Milford. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Jordan-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Discussion led by Eckert on history and issues surrounding the grading of 6th Street easterly from Q Avenue in Milford and the function of the county culverts on Milford Creek on that road. Steve Anderson, Milford Mayor, and Ken Eilers, Milford Roads Dept. and Jason Eygabroad, Beck Engineering, joined in the discussion. No action taken.

Discussion led by Eckert on history and issues surrounding the old Milford County Shop Property which the County still uses. Steve Anderson, Milford Mayor, and Logan David, Milford Municipal Utilities Supervisor, joined in the discussion. MMU desires the property for future expansion of their water plant that serves multiple entities. Utilities cannot own property, so the city of Milford would own it and lease it to MMU. A joint meeting of the city officials of Milford, MMU and county representatives was suggested to study options. No action taken.

The Board gave their board and committee reports and continued into general discussion. There being no further items presented to the board, it was moved by Wermersen, seconded by Fairchild, to adjourn. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 12:11 p.m.

_____ William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor