

Board Minutes Monday May 18, 2020

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 18, 2020 with Logsdon, Kuhn, and Ashbacher in person; and Beard and Thompson present electronically.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters. Bjerke discussed the idea of assigning the road employees to work four ten hour days per week rather than five eight. The unanimous consensus of the Board was that it was within his authority to assign the working hours as he deems most efficient to run his department.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the construction permit application and the waiver of separation distance between the building site and the road as submitted by Einck Dairy. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the construction permit and consent to the separation waiver. Motion carried unanimously.

Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director met with the Board to give COVID19 updates.

Glenn Larson met with the Board to present some concerns regarding the procedures for appointing Commissioners to the Veterans Affairs Commission. He advised more outreach to try to reach new potential Commissioners. The Board will encourage the VA Commission to use additional means to recruit Commissioners, but acknowledge that it is ultimately their decision on how they will proceed.

Donna Thomas and several other neighbors of the Bridge 348 area met with the Board to discuss various issues in the vicinity of the bridge. Of concern to Thomas and others was the proposed use of the portion of the road right-of-way that may no longer be needed to provide for the maintenance of the road and bridge after the road and bridge were replaced with a new alignment. The Board will have the Engineer re-evaluate the area to determine what if any right-of-way may no longer be needed. The Board also discussed the parking issues in the area, and may consider the right-of-way in question as an additional parking area. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to advise Thomas and other landowners in the area to remove the "No Trespassing" signs that are in the road right-of-way by the end of the week, or have Bjerke instruct the road department to do so and bill them for the cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Paul Berland, NEIA RC&D met with the Board to give an update on several Upper Iowa River Flood Reduction Program projects.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors