

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
September 29, 2020
REGULAR SEPTEMBER SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Jack Plathe, Chairman, Roger Tjarks, Donnie Loss, Kyle Stecker and Galen Casey.

Chairman Plathe called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Public Discussion.

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 22, 2020. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged Kossuth County's Urban Renewal Report for FY 2019-2020.

Discussion was held in regards to wind turbine noise and shadow flicker.

No action was taken on the Ledyard Windpower, LLC Application for Easement through Drainage District Right of Way.

No action was taken on the Drainage District Easement for Ledyard Windpower, LLC WECS project.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Loss that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa does hereby approve the Decommissioning Plan for Ledyard Windpower project prepared by Stantec Consulting Services Inc., dated September 16, 2020 and on file in the Zoning Administrator's Office. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: no, Stecker: no, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Casey and Stecker being the no votes.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Stecker that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Interstate Power and Light, Iowa Falls, IA, to install pole transformer and underground service at 906 130th Street and install pole grounds on next 10 poles east to 100th Ave. Work will be in Section 21 of Riverdale Township. Permit number 09-38-2020 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, IA, to directional bore electric service between the entrance to 2506 Plum Creek Road, northwesterly to 2505 Plum Creek Road. Work will be in Section 17, Plum Creek Township. Permit number 09-39-2020 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer/Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to recommend to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources approval by Resolution #09-22-20-03 of the construction permit application for Banwart Dairy Inc. Site in the NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 31 of Garfield Township due to them meeting the requirements on the Master Matrix scoring system per Blaine Struthers and to have Amber Garman send notice to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors adopted recommendation. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried. (see amended motion at end of minutes changing the resolution #)

**Recommendation to Iowa DNR to Approve the Application Permit for Construction
of an Confinement Feeding Operation Site #67691**

Resolution # 09-29-20-01

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix for the purpose of scoring construction applications to provide an opportunity for local input and

WHEREAS, The Master Matrix Delegate, Blaine Struthers has informed the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors that he scored this matrix identically to the applicant and this site has met the requirements of the Master Matrix. His score is based on the Master Matrix filed in the Kossuth County Auditor's Office on August 27, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors has **approved** the Master Matrix submitted on August 27, 2020. The score of this facility is 440 points.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources **approval** of the construction permit application for Steve Banwart (Banwart Dairy Inc Site) in the NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 31 of Garfield Township.

Public Comments: No

Passed and Approved this 29th day of September, 2020.

Chairman, Jack Plathe
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Amber Garman, Auditor
Kossuth County

Dona Nielsen, Kossuth County General Assistance Administrator was present to give the monthly update for her Department.

No action was taken on joint teleconference with Palo Alto regarding payment of repair TRI 84 Lateral 37E.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Casey to approve the applications for exemption from buffer strip ban in Drainage District Facilities. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Loss to have the Supervisors handle their requests for drainage as follows: Supervisor Casey: 1 request (#107 – DD #68) and Supervisor Tjarks: 2 requests (#108 – DD 7 Lat 22 and #109 – DD 20 Main 1 B). Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged ISG Report for DD 75 Lateral Tiles.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to approve ISG DD 75 Wetland Work Order Authorization. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Stecker to approve the Joint Drainage District PAK 1 Open Ditch Repair Project Pay Request 5 in the amount of \$25,344.00 payable to Cory Juergens

Construction. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

No decision was made in regards to Drain 4 Open Ditch an Supervisor Stecker opinion from Hudson Law Firm.

No decision was made in regards to recommended policies for Drainage from Hudson Law Firm.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the Public Purpose and cost of the Healthy Days Program as "To educate, support and empower employees and their dependents to improve and maintain their overall health and well-being through a healthy lifestyle." The estimated cost for the program is \$35,000. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Stecker to approve the Weigh to Go Wellness Program, Public Purpose and cost as "To educate, support and empower employees and their dependents to improve and maintain their overall health and well-being through a healthy lifestyle." The estimated cost of the program is \$36,750. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Department head discussion was held with the IT Department in regards to security updates.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Loss to amend motion for Banwart Dairy Inc Site to say Resolution #09-29-20-01 instead of #09-29-20-03. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor.

Board Discussion and Committee Reports were held.

On motion adjournment was taken at 12:07 p.m. until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Attest:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Jack Plathe, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors