

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MAY 16, 2023.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Greg Barnett with members Rusty Eddy and Wayne Dralle present. An estimated 46 people were in attendance. Moved by Eddy second by Dralle to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motioned by Eddy, second by Dralle to approve the minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment received.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to open a Public Hearing to consider a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance. Barnett read two emails in support of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline that were received from POET and Growth Energy. Comments were received from around the room as many residents expressed their concerns over the hazardous liquid pipeline. Several in attendance expressed the following concerns: Safety, farmers' livelihood, effects on soil quality and field tile, the pipeline company's long-term viability, control, landowners' rights, and the pipeline being referred to as a boondoggle project. Representatives from the Navigator pipeline project were in attendance to field questions specific to the Navigator pipeline including easement agreements, effects on CRP land contracts, future digging, safety, and emergency response efforts. Barnett feels we need to have an ordinance in place to protect landowners' rights. Moved by Eddy, second by Dralle to close the Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Motioned by Eddy, second by Dralle to approve the first reading of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance. The second Public Hearing to consider the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance will be on May 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Board reviewed Together 4 Families – Decategorization and Community Partnership for Protecting Children Coordination. Shawna Lebeck discussed the contract. Moved by Eddy, second by Dralle to approve the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marnie Schmidt, Greene City Council, discussed Shell Rock River debris. Water levels have risen recently and debris/trees have clogged waterways. Concerns about trees under water and likelihood of flooding moving more debris has increased safety issues. Chris Showalter, Emergency Management, has reached out to DNR and others looking for resources in order to clean this out. He stated that a disaster declaration would have been needed in order to get the Army Corp of Engineers involved. Showalter stated that the DNR is the ultimate authority on Iowa's waterways, although they are strictly regulatory. Damaris Menken, Greene, also commented on the danger of trees that are sinking and becoming water-logged. Schmidt asked if there could be public notices put in place to warn the public as they continue to work on the issue. Showalter agreed to work with the City of Greene to post public notice warning signs temporarily while they seek guidance on how to proceed with the issue.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for Henry Finisher Farm #71513.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Dralle to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:50 A.M. to May 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on May 16th, 2023.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Greg Barnett
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors