

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Tom Heidenwirth and Greg Barnett present. Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Craig Schoenfeld, CR3 Connect, a liaison working with Navigator, was present to discuss the CO2 pipeline project during Public Comment. He commented that he is aware of the issue with landowners in Butler County and elsewhere. He explained that his hope is to have an open line of communication and that he is available to answer any questions concerning the project. He indicated that they are now able to speak with landowners after going through the legal requirements necessary. Responding to a question by Chairman Eddy, Schoenfeld spelled out the process of capturing the emissions, turning them into liquid form, and eventually injecting the CO2 back into the earth. Additionally, he outlined the financial incentive, tax credits, revenue stream, and the added stability to the revenue streams associated with the project. A permanent easement of 50 feet would accompany the pipeline and it was made clear that landowners would not be able to develop on top of the pipeline. After which, Eric Bixby, who was in attendance, made the comment, "so it changes what can happen in the future, on my land." Schoenfeld mentioned that any maintenance and losses to crops would be covered through Navigator. After a question by Supervisor Barnett about Butler County incurring costs due to the project, Schoenfeld responded that the goal is to hold the county harmless on all costs. He stated that construction will likely begin in 2024.

County Attorney, Dave Kuehner, discussed the Butler County Resource Center building options. The board weighed the potential outcomes of the building on Main Street in Allison, that is currently occupied by Pathways. Kuehner stated that an issue is how to put a value on the building. Chairman Eddy suggested the possibility of holding an auction to sell the building. Kuehner relayed that an auction would be preferred. Barnett said that we would like to make this a clean process. Kuehner stated his concern that if there is an auction, we may lose Pathways within the community. Eddy commented that he was not concerned about that as Pathways could find another location nearby.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for Roose South Finisher Farm #61826, Winkowitsch Finisher Farm #61824, Marton Butler Finisher Farm #61765, Quail Finisher Farm #65767, Iowa Select – McCandless 2 Finisher #58347, Brad Finisher Farm #63579, Kuper Finisher Farm #62150, and Tjaden Finisher Farm #71192.

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

Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:59 A.M. to March 1st, 2022 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 February 22, 2022.

Attest: _____
Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors