

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2021

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Muilenburg presiding. Members present were Jerry Muilenburg, Al Bloemendaal, John Degen, Carl Vande Weerd and Mark Sybesma.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2021 were submitted. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve the claims for October 26, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - **Bloemendaal** – 1) Attended a RIDES meeting in Spencer on October 21. The agency is having trouble finding drivers and the current drivers were approved for a \$100/week stipend for working through COVID-19. This has caused some other issues as some drivers collect social security and now make too much money driving. Reported that construction is in progress for a new building in Spencer. 2) Attended the Northwest Iowa Planning meeting in Spencer on October 21. Shari Kastein with the Family Crisis Centers will be applying for a CDBG grant through the agency.
 - **Vande Weerd** –1) Reported on the YES Board meeting. The transportation service is being heavily used and the bed usage is up and full at times. Forest Ridge recently closed due to staff shortages and this will affect the agency's bed usage. 2) Attended a Zoom meeting regarding the Midwest Carbon Pipe Line project. The next step for Midwest Carbon is to apply for permits through the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB). The County should email or contact the IUB to request a pipe depth for the pipe line. The County should also work closely with the pipe line inspection company to ensure the work is being done properly and get timely reporting. The County Engineer will work with the boring company for road crossings. 3) Attended a NACo Rural Affairs committee meeting. Updates were provided on COVID-19.
 - **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended a recent Landfill meeting. 2) Reported that the County soybeans were sold and the corn crop was sold on October 25. 3) Reported that there will be a Planning and Zoning Board meeting on October 28 and there will be discussion regarding the wind turbine ordinance.
- 5) As this was the date, October 26, 2021, and time, 9:15 a.m. for a public hearing regarding a construction permit, the Chairman opened the public hearing. Sioux County Zoning Director, Shane Walter, provided the following information: Name of Applicant: Nate Zuiderveen. Location of the proposed construction: Section 24 of East Orange Township. Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: An anaerobic digester system with a digester, sand separator building, process buildings and miscellaneous equipment to produce methane gas on site and pump off site at an existing dairy cattle confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: Unchanged at 4500 animal units (3000 head of mature dairy cattle and 300 head of immature dairy cattle). No other written or oral comments were received from the public and the Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to send a favorable recommendation to the Iowa DNR regarding the construction permit. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Shane Walter, CEO, Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region provided a quarterly update on the Region. Funding for mental health services is transitioning from County funding to State funding in FY2023. The Region will be reviewing a contract regarding crisis services in the community which expands upon the mobile crisis services. The idea is to prevent hospitalizations and gives the stability the clients need. The Region continues to work on expanding Assertive Community Treatment services, which surrounds the client with a team to provide services for their needs. Reported that the Region is getting closer to providing all of the mandated services and the challenge is to market the services to those who need them. The Region will also consider restoring some of the funding to service providers that was cut heading into FY22 as the Region had many unknown expenses regarding a crisis center amongst other challenges.
- 7) Jessica Kooiker, Sioux County Recorder, submitted the Recorder Quarterly Report for July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 for Board information.
- 8) Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff,
 - Requested approval of new Jailer, Rebecca Gradert. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve Rebecca Gradert. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Submitted the Sheriff Quarterly Report for July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 for Board information.
- 9) Dan Zomermaand, Sioux County Treasurer, presented an agreement with CMBA to analyze the existing building his office occupies to improve the work flow (create social distancing) as well as analyze the County Administration building to explore options to move the Treasurer's Office to that location. The amount is not to exceed \$10,000. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Requested Board approval of a permit agreement from Premier Communications to bury fiber optic cable in sections 19 and 20 of Plato Township to service a new home. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Degen to approve the permit agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
 - Gravel crushing started at Chatsworth recently.
 - Reported that DGR will attend the November 9 Board meeting regarding pipe line inspection for the proposed Midwest Carbon project.
- 11) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Assistant Engineer,
 - Reported that asbestos removal began on October 25 at the County Home. The contractor estimates that it will take three to five weeks to complete the project.
 - Reviewed the quote for new trucks with the Board.

12) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. until Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor