

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2009

09-10-20 1 The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 o'clock a.m. with Chairman Mark Sybesma presiding. Members present were John Degen, Dennis Wright, Al Bloemendaal, Mark Sybesma and Arlyn Kleinwolterink.

09-10-20 2 Minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2009, were submitted and the Chairman declared them approved.

09-10-20 3 Don Nelson President/CEO of Bison Renewable Energy requested that a Special Exemption Use Permit (2007-02) application that was previously approved be extended to include new project components. Nelson reported that the project has changed from biogas generation to electrical generation. Northwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative has a substation on the property which could be used to receive energy from this source. Kyle Van Vugt was also present for this discussion. Brandon Moffat, Technical Advisor for StormFisher Biogas, a project development firm based out of Toronto, Canada, addressed the Board on future plans for the site. The StormFisher Biogas Company is about three years old and has five projects currently under development. The plan is to have the plant in service by the end of 2010. In addition to supplying a renewable energy source, the company is working with fertilizer companies to market solid fertilizer – a byproduct of the process. Bison Renewable Energy officials met with the DNR yesterday. It is anticipated that construction will resume in the spring of 2010 with a completion date of late that year. Moffat noted that BRAD products include a.) 8.0 MW of renewable electricity annually. One MW equates to the electricity used by 3,000 homes; b.) Liquid fertilizer would be applied locally. The liquid will have a slight ammonia smell; c.) 25,000 tons of granular, organic fertilizer pellets would be sold either locally or nationally. Fertilizer pellets would have no odor. The Board will consider this matter at a later meeting.

09-10-20 4 The Recorder's first quarter revenue report was received for information.

09-10-20 5 Shane Walter, Community Services Director informed the Board that the cost of purchasing an overlay for the County GIS maps would be \$8,400. Linda Feikema, Deputy Auditor was present for this discussion. At the direction of the Board, this purchase will not be made.

09-10-20 6 Coleman McAllister, Sioux County Attorney told the Board that there will likely be personnel cuts in the Third Judicial District.

09-10-20 7 Committee Reports:

- **Bloemendaal –**

- 1) Attended a **NW Iowa Planning and Development** meeting and reported that there was another plant closing in the Spencer region. Many of the recent plant closings announced have been in this region and therefore a lot of attention and services have been provided east of Highway 59. It is normal to have 90 or so being retrained at any given time, presently there are at least 350 individuals being assisted in re-training effort.

- 2) Represented the Board at a **Regional Transit Authority** meeting (RIDES) –
As a board, we discussed whether or not to provide raises to the full-time personnel. The current economic condition and potential budget challenges are not looking good and will require us to re-focus and make a decision on later. The board meeting was held on the 15th. On the 16th, I participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Sheldon for the newly constructed Bus Barn. The approximately \$400,000.00 building has a heated and non-heated area for buses in the area. PR Construction was awarded the contract for the project.
- 3) Attended a strategic training meeting at the **Greater Siouxland Community Health Center**. The Center is likely to request additional funding from the County.
- 4) Was present for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the **Regional Transit Authority's** new bus barn in Sheldon. The \$400,000 building project culminated on Friday, October 16, 2009.
 - **Kleinwolverink** – Noted that the **Northwest Iowa Landfill** road needs to be improved. Sold more beans and corn.
 - **Wright** – Attended a **YES** board meeting last Friday. State budget cuts are going to impact that center.
 - **Degen** – Reported that **Sioux County Emergency Management** received an EMS Performance Grant from the State. Noted that the State Emergency Management Agency is closely watching the interaction between Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Department in Sioux County. Nate Huizenga serves as the Emergency Management Director and also as a Deputy Sheriff.
 - **Sybesma** – Reported that the **Regional Housing Trust** received their money and was then notified that the funding was cut by 10%.

2) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer – General Matters

- Motion by Kleinwolverink and supported by Degen to approve and authorize the chairman to a Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge program Project (BROS-CO84 (134)—60-84. Motion carried, unanimous in favor.
- Blading and graveling roads will be the top priority for the next few weeks.
- Reported on Hudson Bridge Project. Paving is being done on the Sioux County this week.
- There may be more rounds of stimulus money. Two projects have been submitted for stimulus funding: The bridge north of Carmel and a box culvert project.
- The lease on South Dakota property is up. The lease will be reviewed next year.
- Opened bids to replace Tandem trucks.

Contractor	Great Plains International Sioux City	Northwest Implement Orange City	Boyer Trucks Sioux Falls	Holcomb Trucks Sioux City	Sioux Falls Truck & Trailer Sioux Falls	Peterbilt Sioux City	Peterbilt Sioux Falls
1 Tandem	\$ 86,980.00	\$ 88,868.34	\$ 90,336.00	\$ 87,285.00	\$ 86,638.00	\$ 98,038.00	\$ 98,755.00
2 Tandems	172,960.00	177,236.68	178,956.00	174,570.00	173,276.00	194,576.00	197,510.00
3 Tandems	357,700.00	265,105.02	266,184.00	261,855.00	259,914.00	291,114.00	290,955.00

- The engineer will review the specifications on each truck. Comparisons will be made and a recommendation will be made to the Board at a later meeting.
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- 3) Marina Fuhrman, Program Director for Synergy and Satellite Services for Jackson Recovery Centers and Andrea Rohlena, from the Synergy Center informed the Board that seven citizens from Sioux County were served by the Jackson Recovery Center last year. Sioux County Mental Health Assistant Administrator, Aaron Haverdink was present for this discussion. Fuhrman stated that priority is given to County patients. The Center is financed by IDPH grants, a sliding fee scale, Medicaid and insurance, in addition to County payments. Jackson Recovery Centers serves a six county area. The Center offers services for chemical dependency, residential facilities, adolescent services and services to pregnant women.
 - 4) The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Sybesma, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Lois Huitink
Sioux County Auditor