

**MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 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 November 16, 2021 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to appoint Sunday Ford as Logan Township Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to approve the claims for November 23, 2021 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Committee Reports:
  - **Vande Weerd** – 1) Reported on the YES Board meeting. The agency is short on vehicles for doing transports. The average number of clients for the past month was 12 which almost their full capacity. 2) Attended a NACo Zoom call regarding Medicaid as well as meeting regarding funding of fiber optic projects. 3) Attended a strategic planning session for the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region, and this strategic plan will run through 2025. 4) Reported that a district 3 meeting for Supervisors will be at the Storm Lake Pizza Ranch on December 1.
  - **Muilenburg** – Attended the Iowa Workforce Development meeting via Zoom. The agency held a retirement party for Val Bonney.
  - **Bloemendaal** – 1) Reported on the Mid-Sioux meeting. The Mid-Sioux Board did a review of the Executive Director and voted to retain and to provide a raise. Reported that the Executive Director is doing a really good job. 2) Reported on the RIDES meeting. The agency decided to extend the \$100/week stipend for drivers due to COVID-19. Work continues on the new bus barn in Spirit Lake with an estimated completion by mid to late December.
  - **Sybesma & Vande Weerd** – Attended a Library Association meeting in Boyden.
- 6) Ross Simmelink, Sioux County Assessor, requested denial for the Family Farm Tax Credit for the following parcels: 0224151001, 0224176001, 0627451005, 0627476005, 0829401001, 0829426001, 0829476001, 1409426001 and 1409476001. The reason for the denial is the designated person is not a qualified relative under Iowa Code 425A. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Bloemendaal to deny the Family Farm Tax Credit for the aforementioned parcels. Motion carried unanimously. Simmelink also requested a revocation of the Military Tax Exemption on Parcel 1813451002. The reason for the revocation is pursuant to Iowa Code 426A.15, as the owner is also claiming the exemption on property in O'Brien County. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to revoke the Military Tax Exemption on Parcel 1813451002. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) A group of citizens was present to promote the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program. Present for this discussion were as follows: Ron Rynders, Colton Meyer, Justin Boersma, Velvet Eggert, Nelva Huitink, Rob Klocke, and Joel Sikkema. This group was asking

for support for a small pilot project at the outset, up to 3 miles of ditch to launch the program. The request was not financial, but the group was looking for support to do a pilot program to see if it could be successful, then expand from there. The purpose of the program is to help with erosion control, weed control, and for pollinators. The University of Iowa provides seed at no cost for the program. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to support the pilot program. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Doug Julius, Sioux County Engineer,

- Reported that an accomplishment report needs to be filed in regards to the RISE program for the Sioux County Regional Airport project RC-C084(156)—94-84 in order to keep funding from that program. DGR will complete the report on behalf of the Airport.
- Distributed a letter from Rural Water System #1, which was sent to all of its members requesting that landowners in their easement, require Summit Carbon Solutions and their contractors to bore all RWS #1 waterlines at a minimum of 2 feet below a pipeline and a minimum of 25 feet on both sides of the pipeline as it was installed. The are asking for no open excavation of RWS #1 pipeline to be allowed.
- Updated the Board on secondary road activities.
- Requested Board approval of the following Certificate to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance for the following projects: LFM-169—7X-84, STBG-SWAP-C084(167)—FG-84, FM-C084(166)—55-84, and L-168—73-84. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the aforementioned Certificates to Completion of Work and Final Acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.
- Updated the Board on gravel crushing at the Chatsworth pit.

9) Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. until Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

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Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman  
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Dokter  
Sioux County Auditor