

MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022

- 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, John Degen, Mark Sybesma, Al Bloemendaal, and Carl Vande Weerd.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2022 were submitted. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Degen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Rachel Brunsting, Sioux County Elections Administrator, presented the election results from the 2022 General Election held on November 8, 2022. A total of 14,284 ballots were cast equating to a 61.24% turnout. Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the canvass of the General Election returns and authorize the Board to sign the Abstracts of Election in accordance with section 50.24, Code of Iowa, for the General Election held on November 8, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

United States Senator	PARTY	VOTES
Chuck Grassley	Republican	12,398
Michael Franken	Democratic	1,694
Scattering		15
United States Representative (4th District)		
Randy Feenstra	Republican	12,665
Ryan Melton	Democratic	1,281
Bryan Jack Holder	Liberty Caucus	113
Scattering		18
Governor and Lieutenant Governor		
Kim Reynolds Adam Gregg	Republican	12,790
Deidre DeJear Eric Van Lancker	Democratic	1,280
Rick Stewart Marco Battaglia	Libertarian	117
Scattering		3
Secretary of State		
Paul D. Pate	Republican	12,428
Joel Miller	Democratic	1,445
Scattering		4
Auditor of State		
Todd Halbur	Republican	11,422
Rob Sand	Democratic	2,303
Scattering		4
Treasurer of State		
Roby Smith	Republican	11,674
Michael L. Fitzgerald	Democratic	2,027
Scattering		3
Secretary of Agriculture		
Mike Naig	Republican	12,571
John Norwood	Democratic	1,255
Scattering		3

Attorney General			
Brenna Bird	Republican	11,702	
Tom Miller	Democratic	2,019	
Scattering		6	

State Representative (003rd District)			
Thomas Jeneary	Republican	5,448	
Scattering		39	

State Representative (004th District)			
Skyler Wheeler	Republican	6,835	
Scattering		191	

Board of Supervisors (2nd District)			
Jerry Muilenburg	Republican	2,534	Elected
Scattering		18	

Board of Supervisors (3rd District)			
Dan Altena	Republican	2,355	Elected
John D. Skilbred	Democratic	193	
Scattering		7	

Board of Supervisors (4th District)			
Carl Vande Weerd	Republican	2,682	Elected
Scattering		6	

Board of Supervisors (5th District)			
Craig Hoftyzer	Republican	2,866	Elected
Scattering		10	

County Treasurer			
Daniel D. Zomermaand	Republican	12,801	Elected
Scattering		36	

County Recorder			
Jessica Kooiker	Republican	12,748	Elected
Scattering		33	

County Attorney			
Thomas Kunstle	Republican	12,557	Elected
Scattering		62	

Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner			
Allan Reinders		9,210	Elected
Kendall Roetman		8,249	Elected
Scattering		49	

Agricultural Extension Council			
Kevin Rehder		8,131	Elected
Cheryl Buntsma		7,666	Elected
Calvin Bomgaars		8,367	Elected
Daniel Borchers		7,882	Elected
Amy Cleveringa		8,436	Elected
Scattering		79	

Agricultural Extension Council To Fill A Vacancy			

Brian Hooyer Scattering		9,960 16	Elected

Retain Supreme Court Justice Dana L. Oxley			
Yes		8,228	
No		1,276	

Retain Supreme Court Justice Matthew McDermott			
Yes		8,127	
No		1,139	

Retain Court of Appeals Judge Gina Badding			
Yes		7,826	
No		1,196	

Retain Court of Appeals Judge Paul B. Ahlers			
Yes		7,585	
No		1,049	

Retain District 3B Court Judge Patrick H. Tott			
Yes		7,850	
No		1,022	

Retain District 3B Court Judge Steven Andreassen			
Yes		7,071	
No		1,520	

Retain District 3B Court Judge James N. Daane			
Yes		7,601	
No		1,070	

Retain District 3B Court Judge Jeffrey A. Neary			
Yes		6,891	
No		2,197	

Retain District 3B Court Judge Roger L. Sailer			
Yes		7,643	
No		1,080	

Retain District 3B Associate Judge Kristal L. Phillips			
Yes		7,881	
No		940	

Constitutional Amendment 1			
Yes		11,684	
No		1,619	

- 4) Derek Montgomery and Doug Bergold with Summit Carbon Solutions provided an update on the proposed pipe line project. Summit Carbon has partnered with 32 ethanol plants as part of this project. The pipe line diameter has been changed from 20” to 24” to allow for more capacity. Currently, the company has acquired 67% of the land it needs in Sioux County. The company estimates that \$2.5 million in property tax revenue will be generated from the pipe line in Sioux County.

- 5) Motion by Degen and supported by Sybesma to approve a service contract with the Boyden Community Foundation/Boyden Area Fire Department and Ambulance Members, which provides a total of \$15,000 in funding over three years, beginning in FY2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Motion by Sybesma and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the claims for November 15, 2022 as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Arlo Van Beek and Gail Van Grouw submitted a letter to the Board on behalf of the Pioneer Memorial Home requesting funding for the agency. The Pioneer Home is located in Orange City and provides independent living for seniors. The facilities are needing updates and repair, and the agency is requesting \$50,000 in support as well as annual support. The Board received the request for information and will determine funding during the FY2024 budget process.
- 8) Committee Reports:
 - **Vande Weerd** – 1) Reported that the property survey on the new Public Health building has been completed and the boundaries are good. 2) Work continues on the new Public Health building and hope to have the remodel complete in the next few weeks. 3) Reported that the Fair Board has tentatively assembled an advisory board for the County Fair relocation project.
 - **Muilenburg** – 1) Attended a Planning and Zoning meeting and Board of Adjustment meeting on November 14. 2) Attended a Landfill meeting and reported that the new 8’ fence has helped with litter control.
 - **Muilenburg & Vande Weerd** – Attended the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Orange City Library.
- 9) Joel Sikkema, Sioux County Engineer,
 - Introduced Gerad Gradert who recently filled the Foreman position at the Hawarden shop. He was promoted from his current operator position, which was filled internally by Kelly Brunsting from the Sioux Center shop. Ads will be placed to fill the opening in Sioux Center.
 - Requested Board approval for a utility permit agreement for Southern Sioux Rural Water System for a water line in sections 22, 27, and 28 of West Branch township. Motion by Bloemendaal and supported by Vande Weerd to approve the utility permit agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Initiated discussion on a potential land purchase. This ground has the potential to serve as a gravel pit and are at a point of exploring the quality of gravel the ground may have to guide whether or not to pursue this purchase. The ground is approximately 175 acres.
 - Reported that a Western Star truck and a side dump trailer were recently delivered.
 - Discussed the West Branch RNG pipe line proposal with the Board. Sikkema has worked with county staff Shane Walter and Tom Kunstle regarding zoning and legal issues surrounding the use of the County’s right-of-way for placing the pipe line. Work will continue to research this issue before a final determination can be made.
 - Secondary road employees are preparing equipment for the winter season and gravel crushing is taking place at the Chatsworth pit.
- 10) Supervisor Sybesma exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

11) Chairman Muilenburg initiated discussion about the advertisement for a new County Auditor. The current ad runs through the end of the week and only one applicant has been received. Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Degen to run the ad through the week of November 29, 2022. Motion carried, one member absent.

12) Tom Kunstle, Sioux County Attorney,

- Requested the Board pass a motion to allow him to work with a contractor for the workstation remodel in his office. This discussion led to another discussion about records being stored by the court system and where the IT department will be located as well as a new meeting room for the Attorney's office. The Board will review the Attorney's space with Roger Buys and will address the request at the November 29, 2022 Board meeting.
- Reported that the court system has added a few days to their holidays, one of which being December 23. County offices are only open for half of that day and in light of the Attorney's office working closely with the court system, Kunstle has decided to close his office for the whole day on December 23.

13) Motion by Vande Weerd and supported by Bloemendaal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, one member absent and the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. until Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Jerry Muilenburg, Chairman
Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Dokter
Sioux County Auditor