

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

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Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss and Rasmussen with Helgevold present via phone.

Minutes from the previous regular meeting of April 11, 2022 and special meeting of April 13, 2022 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Courtney Morris, Drainage Clerk, presented to the Board the request for abatement of drainage assessments for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. The request for abatement of drainage assessments totals \$215.97. Motion by Kluss and seconded Rasmussen to not abate the drainage assessments for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. Motion carries.

Denise Baker, Wright County Recorder, presented the name of the new hire for the Clerk position in the Recorder's Office. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the hire of the name presented pending pre-employment physical/drug screen and background check. Motion carries. The starting salary will be \$40,000.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads. There were 16 work orders completed last week. There have been 13,436 tons hauled of the 17,100 tons expected for the engineer miles. Bridge #185 was completed last Friday on the abutment rehab on 150th Street. Bridge #8 is now closed for a bridge replacement for 40 working days.

Clemons spoke on the Dust Control permit. Currently there is no fee for this permit. The applicant must choose from the three preferred suppliers to apply the application. Wright County Secondary Roads shall continue to perform regular or necessary maintenance required within and upon the treated roadway. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the Dust Control Permit. Motion carries.

Eric Rector, Wright County Conservation Director, spoke on the Memorandum of Understanding for the Tice Farm acquisition. This memorandum puts protection in place for future Boards. A few points in the memorandum include agreeing to not sell the property, and if it is sold it would be open auction at the highest bid; any income off the farm will be used to pay expenses for the farm; and the ability to put a bike trail to Elm Lake if so desired. If the land is sold, the money that was donated to this purchase will go back to the donors. If the entities do not exist, the donations will go to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding in reference to the Tice Farm acquisition. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to approve the 28E Agreement with Heartland Museum. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

*Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County
Board of Supervisors
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*