

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (36)  
AUGUST 31, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Huseman, Merten, and Ringgenberg and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Altena.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to **amend today's agenda**, adding two action items: 2021 CDBG contract for Rembrandt Enterprises transportation grant funding and Acknowledgement of Environmental Review Requirements regarding the 2021 CDBG Career Link Award (21-CRLET-005), and a correction to the minutes of 4/13/2021. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the contract from B & S Tiling for the North Raccoon River Watershed Project, which is ready for the Chair to sign. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract for B & S Tiling for the **North Raccoon River Watershed Project**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report**: Wilkinson stated that half of the road, up by Albert City, is finished with placement of the mix material. They will try and get it finished this week; they are still mowing, spot graveling, working on culverts, and installing driveways; Wilkinson attended ISAC last week; they have gravel and sand to haul, and brush removal to be done this fall; Wilkinson has placed the ad for and E01 position.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 8/17/21, as printed, today's **claims approval list**, **stamped drainage warrant register**, and the following **reports**: July Conservation Board minutes and July NW IA YES Center Board minutes. Carried.

**Supervisor Meeting Reports**: Snyder attended the ISAC meeting last week. Snyder also presented a letter he received from Mark Benson and Chuck Benson, that was sent to Steve Bloom, regarding Bloom's hog operation, south of Marathon. Bensons state that they had tile blowouts on their farm ground, and when the contracted tiler came to repair the tile, it was discovered that the tiles were plugged by hog manure. Bensons are asking Bloom to store and spread the manure in a manner which will keep this from occurring in the future.

Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to **void and reissue** check #311303, issued to Jessica Haubrich, issued 7/6/2021 in the amount of 58.24, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **DD #101 Application for Payment #2** for McCarty Custom, Inc., in the amount of \$18,252.23, for cleanout and repairs. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented information to the Board from the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting he attended with IDALS and Iowa Nutrient Research & Education Council (INREC). The idea discussed was to create a tile zoned wetland, which is a nutrient reduction wetland. Blomme stated that the construction would be funded 100% by IDALS and State funds. If the wetland is installed by the landowner, then engineering costs are covered also. Blomme stated that this process takes part of the water out of the tile system, treats it, and then the water is placed back in the tile. This process is less costly than the CREP wetland. Blomme would like to bring the landowners together to see if they are

interested in installing a tile zoned wetland. Blomme stated that there are 19 potential sites, 15 of which are feasible, and the remaining 4 are questionable whether they would be efficient. Blomme is requesting the Board to allow him to use the Drainage Department letterhead, to send out invitations to the landowners to attend a meeting with IDALS, to receive this information. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to allow the use of the Drainage Department letterhead, to send out invitations to landowners, to attend a meeting with IDALS, to receive information about **tile zoned wetlands**. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2021 CDBG contract for Rembrandt Enterprises transportation grant funding and Acknowledgement of Environmental Review Requirements regarding the **2021 CDBG Career Link Award (21-CRLET-005)**. Carried.

Cara Elbert, NW IA Planning & Development, informed the Board that at their public hearing, held 4/13/2021, for the CDBG Career Link Grant, the community development housing needs assessment adoption was not listed in the minutes. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to correct the minutes of 4/13/2021, adding, during the public hearing for the CDBG Career Link Grant, that the **Community Development Housing Needs Assessment** was adopted and can be listed under the applicant/recipient disclosure form update. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve payment to Christian Bros. Excavating L.C., for invoice #5868 on work order #BV-01-2021 for \$2,845.00, for **DD #34** beaver dams and debris removal in Section 8 of Poland Township. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to go into **closed session** (at 9:45 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2021 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to go out of **closed session** at 10:24 a.m. Carried.

**Hear the Public:** CEO Shannon Landauer, Iowa Lakes Corridor, stopped in to introduce Nick Bowdish and Mike Kinley to the Board. Bowdish and Kinley are partners developing Platinum Crush, LLC, the second modern soybean processing facility in the state. Bowdish stated that this is a \$350,000,000 project they want to build in BV County. The business would employ 50-60 people. The land being considered for the project needs to be rezoned from ag to industrial. Bowdish stated that they would like to break ground late this year, with a 2-year construction process, to be up and running in the spring of 2024. The project would be built in Section 31 Washington Township, and would be 420 acres.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. until Tuesday, September 14 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (No meeting is scheduled for September 7)