

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2022 SESSION (42)
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to amend **today's agenda**, adding two additional action items: Engagement of Northland Securities as Underwriter, and voiding and reissuing check #316625. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve the **utility permit** of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install an underground primary cable for the transmission of electricity, along 630th Street, between Sections 13 and 24 Hayes Township, from the north right-of-way line under 630th St. to the south right-of-way line at approximately 1,150' east of 120th Ave. From there, plowing along the south right-of-way line to the west for approximately 250' to provide service for a new account. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the IDOT Agreement for the **RISE Grant** Project, and to authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew is still working on entrances, mowing, and blading the gravel roads, and hauling gravel. The contractor has started crushing the concrete pile, which will save from hauling limestone. They will be crushing at the Hayes Pit soon; in the office, they are working on the right-of-way and plans on the four miles of the RISE Project.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 9/20/22, as presented, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: August NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, July NW IA YES Center minutes, and July Board of Health minutes. Carried.

The time arrived for the 2nd Reading of the Flood Plain Ordinance with Engineer Bret Wilkinson, Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson, board members Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder present in-person, and Angie Wilkinson, Kathy Croker, KICD, KAYL, and two other unidentified callers who were virtual. Motion by Altena, second by Huseman, to approve the 2nd Reading of the **Flood Plain** Ordinance, waiving the physical reading of the document, and to set the 3rd Reading for Tuesday, October 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to authorize the Auditor to **void check** #316625, issued 8/2/2022 to Crawford County Sheriff, in the amount of \$181.57, and to **reissue a check** to Denison Police Department for \$35.00 and the balance of \$146.57 to the Crawford County Sheriff. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Underwriter Engagement Letter** with Northland Securities, as underwriter for the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes Series 2022B. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Real Estate Contract** between Color-Ize, Inc. (“Sellers”) and Buena Vista County (“Buyers”), to purchase Lot Five (5), except the west twenty-five (25’) feet thereof, Block Seventeen (17), in the City of Storm Lake, Iowa, with the total purchase price of \$340,000 to be paid at closing, on November 1, 2022. Buena Vista County will reimburse the Seller for any utilities covering the period from October 1, 2022 through the date of closing. The purchase price includes 10 pieces of the desk setup in the main office area, an L-shaped counter, and a carved eagle (out front). Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: Ringgenberg. Motion carried.

Laney Feight, CR3 Connect, stopped in to ask the Board if they had any questions regarding the **Navigator Pipeline** project. Feight stated that the Iowa Utilities Board has met, and the company must wait 30 days after the meeting to file for a permit with the IA Utilities Board. Feight stated that preliminary negotiations have started with landowners.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented his **department updates**. **Conservation**: Johnson stated that the staining project on the cabin and office is complete, the sewer project at Timber Ridge is done but there is still landscaping to be done. Johnson has received two electric quotes for Bur Oak renovation, Conservation Board is still reviewing. Johnson stated that he needs to order the shower house for Bur Oak and the South Shelter bathroom, expected next spring at the earliest if ordered soon. Johnson has applied for a National Park Service Grant, to facilitate State designation for a water trail. Johnson is waiting on FEMA regarding obligation issues with the Linn Grove Dam project. Johnson stated that he went out with the DNR and Homeland Security, working on mussel relocation. Johnson stated that they are stockpiling concrete. Johnson applied for a Low Head Dam Grant for \$200,000 and should hear within 45 days whether the county will receive any funds. Johnson and the Naturalist attended a day at the Clay County Fair, to talk with fairgoers. **Weed Department**: Four people went to the weed conference that was held in Dickinson County. The Weed Department has had truck issues in the last month. Johnson stated that they have about 100 miles left to spray for noxious weeds, then will start spraying along the State highways. Johnson stated that he is looking at reseeding along the roads around the soybean crush plant, and they are hydroseeding some areas around the county. Fall Fun Day is October 8, and there will be free camping and trick-or-treating at the Timber Ridge campground.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the Board with the three applications he received for the Conservation Board vacancy position. Johnson stated that the Conservation Board recommended Erica Larson to fill the remainder of Mark Kirkholm’s term on the Conservation Board. Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to concur with the recommendation of the Conservation Board, to appoint Erica Larson to fill the remainder of Mark Kirkholm’s term on the **Conservation Board**, with her term expiring 12/31/2025. Carried.

VA Service Officer Louis DeRoos was present for the discussion of where his office would be relocated during the East Richland Annex remodeling. Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller stated that the Facilities Committee had discussed this and recommended placement of VA in the old I.T. room, next to the Recorder’s Office. Keller is hoping to have the VA Office moved out of the East Richland Annex in 2-2.5 weeks. The Board thanked DeRoos for all that he does for veterans in Buena Vista County. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to allow the **Veterans Affairs Office** to be relocated to the former I.T. room next to the County Recorder’s Office in the Courthouse, during the East Richland Annex remodeling. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson informed the Board that she will be **hiring** a new employee for inspections and also someone to take her position when she retires. Johnson stated that she has received four applications for her position. Johnson currently is at \$33.49 per hour, and she is using a proposed \$35/hour in estimating a salary for her replacement, which would put the salary over what some elected officials are making. Johnson stated that she has one good candidate for the inspector position, which was offered \$24.90/hour and refused to take the position. Johnson would like to offer the candidate

\$28.50. Johnson reviewed her budget, and states that there are funds to cover both salaries, as she has gone from four full-time employees down to three. The Board asked if the department wouldn't eventually go back to four employees, and Johnson stated that since DIA will be doing all licensing, she didn't see the need for a fourth employee.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. until Tuesday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting. Carried.