

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (26)
JUNE 20, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, seconded by Merten, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report Wilkinson updated the group that the guys were doing shoulder and grading work on C65 after looking at it after Richard Langner requested it. Tile repairs and field entrances keep them busy also. Wilkinson stated that he had met with Tom Madden on the discharge pipeline for Platinum Crush to discuss design plans. He told the group that they were still waiting for the permit from the DNR but wanted to be ready as soon as they got that. The project would be bid let in 3 packages so that if smaller contractors could bid just one section of it if interested. Madden was going to put all the ideas together and Wilkinson will bring a preliminary drawn back to the Board. The final pour was done on the Blue Bird Creek box culvert and the seven-day curing process has begun and then they will start the back fill process on it. The pour for the bridge is still on as scheduled as far as Wilkinson has heard.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Croker presented to the Board her discussion with a PR company representing Dakota Access Pipeline explaining that they are gathering information from counties ahead of the finds from the Army Corps of Engineer on the environmental impact the pipeline has on the rivers and streams. The representative explained that they are trying to get information from the counties on how the taxes collected from the pipeline are being used and what kind of impact there would be if those taxes were no longer available. Croker put together a spreadsheet on the distribution of taxes from the last year to give them an idea of who got what dollars and asked the Board to come up with what effects the county might have if we no longer had those dollars coming in.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 06/13/2023, as presented, today's **claims approval list & stamped warrant register**, and accept the following **reports**: May Conservation Board minutes and May Veterans Affairs Commissioner meeting report. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** of check #320646, issued 05/23/2023 to Lullmann Dust Control in the amount of \$750, as the check has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Altena, to approve **Jt. DD #181** for tile repairs completed by Maurer Tiling in the amount of \$1,700, for payment. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to authorize the chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Buena Vista County Board of Supervisor Don Altena for his 14.5 years of service to the County. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for a **Master Matrix** for **James Hultgren** in Section 18 of Nokomis Township, with Environmental Health Director Ben Mueggenberg, Deb Witt, and James Hultgren present and Julie Sather, Mark Van Hooser, Kory Elston and five unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg reviewed the Master Matrix with the Board, explaining the points. There are 440 points needed to pass, and Hultgren received 470 points, and satisfies the minimum requirements for air, water, and community. No public comments were heard or made note of in the resolution before the motion was made. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **Resolution 2023-06-20-A, Master Matrix** for **James Hultgren** in Section 18 of Nokomis Township with added comments for James Hultgren's application to the DNR. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-06-20-A

Recommending approval of the James Hultgren Construction Application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix CAFO construction applications to provide an opportunity for local input; and

WHEREAS, a construction application for the construction of one 41" X 72" swine wean to finish barns with 8' deep concrete pit manure storage has been submitted by James Hultgren on May 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application using the Master Matrix, finding a score of 445 points, and has verified all the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the minimum score set by the DNR is 440 points

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Storm Lake Times Pilot on June 7th, 2023 as required, and held public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on June 20th, 2023, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with responses provided: None

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR; None

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends **approval** of the construction application of the James Hultgren Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Kelly Snyder, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Human Resource Services: Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff presented information on possibly contracting with a human resource service that Auditor Lloyd had gathered. She said that Renee Von Bokern with Von Bokern Associates whom the county had used in the past was interested in working with the county again and sent a letter explaining her services and fees. Sandhoff also told the group that some counties use Mike Galloway with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. on a contract hourly basis. After a brief discussion the Board would like to have more research put into this and some questions answered before they would be ready to make any decisions.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of Kim Briley to carry over an additional 58 hours of vacation, due to being busy and short staffed. Briley plans to use the vacation by the end of September. Carried.

Veterans Affairs: Veterans Affairs employee Gerald Weiland explained to the Board that back in January of 2021 when the Veterans Commission went from a three-person board to a five-person board the two new appointments should have been staggered. The Board will need to fix this issue by amending the appointment to have staggered terms. Because of this not being on the agenda for action the Board will need to take action to fix this issue next week.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to reappoint Paul Sennert to the **Veterans Affairs Commission** with a term to expire 6/30/2026. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting.