

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 1st, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Linus Solberg. Absent: Craig Merrill and Roger Faulstick. Present: Peter Hart, Co. Attorney; Dean Gunderson, Dan Dunne, Kirk Kraft, Joe Neary.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg. Nays: None. Absent: Merrill, Faulstick.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for August 1st, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for July 25th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Peg Martini, General Assistance, met with the Board to give an update on General Assistance claims.

No one was present for public comment.

Chris Towell, Engineer Assistant, met with the Board to present utility permits and final voucher for bridge replacement.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve an underground utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Walnut Township, Sections 25 & 36. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve an underground utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Silver Lake Township, Sections 14 & 15, in the City of Ayrshire. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve an underground utility permit application for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC, in Freedom Township, Section 25. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve signing final voucher for BRS-CO74(97)—60-74, bridge replacement on B55. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—DECAT meeting; Keith Wirtz—Season's meeting.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, gave a brief update on 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA). Mark Hunefeld, Emergency Management, was present.

Kim Wilson, Northwest Iowa Care Connections, met with the Board to review FY18 Annual Service & budget plan.

George Black, RPM Access Wind Development, met with the Board. George is wondering if Palo Alto County is interested in looking for wind development. They are a small company from DeSoto, Iowa, looking for a project of 25 turbines. The Board discussed the current setbacks in place. No action taken.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:05 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, met at the Election Center for Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch Improvement Hearing. Present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Linus Solberg. Absent: Craig Merrill & Roger Faulstick.

Present: Don Etlar & Jonathan Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Carmen Moser, Auditor.

Landowners present: Bonnie Anliker, Tony Girres, Gerald Thatcher, Jim Crawford, James L. Miller, Dorothy Bradley, Jerald Zaugg, Larry Fogarty, Bruce Bonnsetter, Pat Fogarty, Jim Salz, Rod Wagner, Kent Fehr, Karl Fehr, Duane Metzger, Dave Fickbohm, David Zaugg, Elmer Zaugg, Mike Callon, Dean Gunderson, Brent Klaahsen, Iowa DOT; Dean Gronemeyer, NRCS.

Keith Wirtz, Chair, opened the hearing at 10:10 a.m. for improvements to Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch.

Rosengren presented the engineer's report and the updated summary of engineer's report which includes report amendments No. 1 and No. 2. All reports are posted online on the county website at www.paloalocountyiowa.com. Paper copies of the reports are also available by contacting the Auditor's Office. Rosengren reviewed the recommendations for widening of the ditch which will reduce flow depths, reduce velocities and reduce overflow of adjacent lands; improved ditch bottom widths and expanded open ditch right-of-way.

Don Etler explained the new regulatory compliance issued on June 22nd for stream channel mitigation. Several questions are still unanswered.

Rosengren reviewed the total estimated project costs for all recommended improvements. The total estimated project cost assessable to landowners is \$2,494,500. Average cost/acre for land now in the district (14,804 acres) \$169
Average cost/acre for watershed (35,464 acres) \$70

Hudson discussed annexation of additional acres. If a separate district is formed then Drainage District 61 will be able to access a common outlet charge on them.

The objections on file were read by Jim Hudson. Objections were filed by the following: Bonnie Anliker; Lisa Sewell, City of West Bend Clerk; Eric J. Eide, Attorney for Martin & Doris Zaugg LLC, Martin Zaugg, Doris Zaugg, Doris Zaugg Farms Inc., Rose Knobloch, Elmer Zaugg, David M. Zaugg, Ruth Zaugg-Dahlhauser; Elizabeth Kollasch; Jerome Kuyper; Allen Bates; Midwest Acres by Mike Callon, Farm Manager.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to continue the Hearing on Improvements to Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch to January 16th, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. Motion Carried.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor