

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Carla Larson, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Dean Gunderson, Aletha King, Zoning; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer. On conference call: Bill Hanigan, Attorney; Sean Bell, Shane Roche, Bri Erickson, Joe Goan; Amanda James, Attorney for Vesta's.

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

Craig Merrill, Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for May 6, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for April 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Recorder's Report for April 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affairs Report for May 3, 2024. Motion Carried.

The Chairman asked the Board's outside counsel Bill Hanigan to discuss the topic of the Lost Island Wind Energy, LLC, wind energy conservation system site plan permit application. He discussed the revised application as provided in his correspondence to the Board dated May 2, 2024. Having reviewed the application and Mr. Hanigan's correspondence, the Board members asked various questions. The questions were answered by either Mr. Hanigan or the representatives of Lost Island Wind Energy, LLC who were in attendance. After this discussion, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to introduce and approve- Resolved that on behalf of the county the Board accepts the Amended and Restated Site Plan Review and Approval Permit Application dated May 1, 2024, of Lost Island Wind Energy, LLC, and provides that a public hearing before the Board regarding the application shall be held on May 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Emmetsburg VFW located at 3205 Main St., Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536, and that the appropriate officers of the county are authorized and instructed to provide and publish notice of the public hearing pursuant to the applicable ordinance. Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Nays: none. Resolution Passed.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and filed for the record a petition received with the FAA for the Lost Island Wind Energy LLC project. Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and questioned the November 4, 2022, Iowa Utilities Board letter.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor