Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
July 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Aletha King, Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Steelhead representatives: Rorik Peterson, Eric Slusher, Shane Roche; Anthony Gonzalez-KICD; Kirby Sampson, Darrel Reed, Pat Kibbie.

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

Linus Solberg, Chair, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for July 21, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for July 14, 2026. Motion Carried.

Shane Roche, Senior Development Manager with Vestas, met with the Board for an update. Shane explained that construction will begin in 2027 with a completion date in 2028. Vestas is planning for 44 or 45 wind turbines.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a septic grant application for Greg Egland. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed HR services/negotiations. Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to hire Renee Von Bokern for 1 year for HR Services. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Roger—gaming corporation.

Kirby Sampson was present for public comment and presented a notice regarding Jt. Drainage District No. 61 with Emmet & Dickinson Counties.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for IA Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 12 and 13 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Cornbelt Power in Section 27 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for MidAmerican in Section 3 & 4 of Silver Lake Township. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the bid opening for Drainage District No. 62. Collin reviewed the 2 addendums. The following bids were received:

Total Bid with Alternate	
Diamond Concrete	$1,319,169.23
CJ Moyna & Sons	$1,118.827.00
Luft & Sons	$ 836,156.90
Reutzel Exc.	$ 732,156.64
McCarty Custom Inc.	$ 926,194.00
LA Carlson Contr.	$ 870,906.79

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to award the low bid to Reutzel Excavating for $732,156.64 and to direct the Chairman to sign the Notice of Award. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor