

December 17, 2012

Chairman Helgevold called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Watne, Beenken, Amdahl, Maasdam, and Helgevold.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 10, 2012 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, introduced Mark Oliver who is the new patrol operator out of the Dows Shed.

Clemons then presented a name of an applicant that he would like to offer a position for the heavy equipment operator. There was then a motion by Amdahl and seconded by Watne to approve the hire of this applicant for heavy equipment backhoe operator out of the Clarion Bridge Shed. Motion carries unanimously.

Clemons requested that any \$5,000 change order for the engineer office building/lab construction, the County Engineer be allowed to sign for the change order. There was a consensus of the Board of Supervisors to allow the engineer to sign. Also, Clemons presented information concerning the HVAC system in the building and was approved to continue with the all electric option.

Yale Schutt, Planning and Zoning Director, presented the Wright County Comprehensive Plan. The board set the public hearing for January 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Dean Kluss and members of the Wright County District Junior Fair Board met with the supervisors to give them an update on the Wright County Fair. There have been some large changes from last year to this year with the largest one being the construction of the new show arena/sheep barn/hog barn. Other items are the new lights in the 4-H building, additional camping spots were added, moved the scale house, and many other smaller projects. They had over 200 youth exhibitors with just over 1,300 4-H and FFA entries. The fair is scheduled for July 10-15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The fair contribution will be discussed during budget time.

Motion by Amdahl and seconded by Maasdam to pledge \$16,000 (12/26/12 amended to \$15,504.00) to the capital campaign for the Livestock Show Arena and Barns. This will be a way of supporting the youth development through the local 4-H and FFA program and also a contribution for the older generation that also come to the fair to enjoy the shows and displays. Ayes were Maasdam, Amdahl, and Watne with Helgevold and Beenken voting nay. Motion carries.

Held discussion of boundary line and tile in DD #39 and DD #23. After much discussion it was determined that an engineer should take a look at the district and give an opinion as to where the boundary line should be and possibly look at annexing some land into the district. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Amdahl to appoint Eldon Rossow with MER Engineering to investigate DD #39. Motion carries.

Brad Hicks, Wright County Economic Development Director, introduced Elizabeth Conley with Rock Island Clean Line. Elizabeth gave a presentation on their company and explained that they wished to build transmission of wind energy from the superior wind resources of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota to Illinois and could help address the projected shortfall in renewable energy supply further eastern states Pennsylvania, Jersey, Maryland (PJM). High voltage direct current transmission lines bring economic environmental and

electric reliability benefits. They include efficiency, lower cost, improved reliability, and smaller footprint. Motion by Amdahl and seconded by Beenken to approve Resolution 2012-16 in support for the Rock Island Clean Line Electric Transmission Project. By roll call vote: Ayes – Watne, Beenken, Amdahl, Maasdam, and Helgevold; nays – none. Resolution 2012-16 duly passes and reads as follows.

Resolution 2012 - 16  
Wright County

**Resolution of Support for the Rock Island Clean Line Electric Transmission Project**

WHEREAS, Wright County desires to improve the quality of life for its citizens by strengthening the economy and improving the environment;

WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy is developing the Rock Island Clean Line (the “**Project**”), a 500-mile overhead high voltage direct current electric transmission line that will transmit cost-effective wind-generated electricity from northwest Iowa to Illinois;

WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy will pay \$7,000 per transmission line mile each year to be apportioned among the applicable taxing districts in each County in which the line will operate;

WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy has indicated it will utilize local services and local labor to the extent possible during construction of the transmission line, thus providing new business opportunities for local county businesses and residents;

WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy will make payments to property owners for the easements needed to construct and operate the Project;

WHEREAS, by opening new transmission capacity on the electric transmission grid and providing a pathway to the market, the Rock Island Clean Line will enable more than \$7 billion in new wind farms to be constructed in northwest Iowa that otherwise could not be built due to the lack of available electric transmission infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the construction of the Rock Island Clean Line across the state of Iowa will boost demand for materials and services that support the transmission and wind power industries;

WHEREAS, County residents will benefit generally from the construction and manufacturing jobs and associated economic benefits that the Project will provide;

WHEREAS, the Rock Island Clean Line will result in substantial financial investment in the State of Iowa and the counties in which the line will operate;

WHEREAS, by enabling more wind energy to be utilized, the Project will bring substantial environmental benefits to the region, resulting in cleaner air and cleaner water; and

WHEREAS, Clean Line will apply to the Iowa Utilities Board for an electric transmission franchise to construct and operate the transmission line in the State of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Wright County supports Clean Line Energy’s efforts to develop and construct the Rock Island Clean Line; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will work cooperatively with Clean Line Energy during the development and construction of the Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Iowa Utilities Board.

Passed this 17th day of December, 2012.

Motion by Amdahl and seconded by Maasdam to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

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Karl Helgevold, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor