

April 20, 2015

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 13, 2015 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Taylor Roll, Assistant Wright County Engineer, presented the Federal Aid Agreement for Project BROS-C099(79)5F-99 which is bridge #158 on R65 SE of Belmond. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the agreement and have the Chairman sign. Motion carries.

Held discussion concerning brush control in drainage ditches for Wright County. There was a concern with having a new person come in and doing spraying especially due to past litigation in another county concerning fish kill. Watne felt that due to this litigation, B & W Control Specialist understand now areas to stay away from in order to avoid future lawsuits. Drainage Ditch spraying was not done in 2013. In 2014, B&W quoted and sprayed the ditches from 2010 so the rotation would now be a 4 year rotation instead of 3 year. It is of the opinion from the board to get caught up on the three year spray rotation. There was then a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to have Wright County Ag, LLC do the 2012 drainage ditches and have B & W Control Specialist to do the 2011 rotation on ditches to get the county caught up to the three year rotation. Motion carries with Watne voting no.

Brittany Howieson and Ashley Recknor came to the board to tell about the Sizzlin' Summer Nights summer activities to be held on Wednesday Night from May 20th through August 5th in Clarion from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the use of the lawn on Wednesday evenings for Sizzlin' Summer Nights. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to re-set the Public Hearing on the amendment of the County Budget to May 18th at 9:45 a.m. due to not meeting the publication requirements. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to instruct the Engineer with McClure Engineering to eliminate the lateral option in DD #93. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the Lease agreement with Coleman Counseling at \$400.00 per month for 3 months. Motion carries.

Held discussion concerning the Slough Bill exemptions in Wright County. Currently the county has 3,008 eligible acres in the slough bill. It was suggested by the board to allow those that have signed up to be eligible on their 2015 values. There was a then a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to allow the slough bill applications up to 3,000 acres for the 2015 valuation year and then continue to review information concerning the possibility to eliminate the program. Motion carries.

Held the continued hearing on DD #39 concerning tile in DD #23 and #39. The Drainage Clerk has received phone calls from both Sebby and Anderson stating that due to personal issues they would not be able to attend and would like the hearing postponed. There was then a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to postpone the hearing to May 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries. Then there was a question by some present about the attorney fee, engineering, and additional expense and who will be paying those bills.

Held continued discussion concerning the Des Moines Water Works lawsuit on water quality against the three counties of Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac. Resolution 2015-12 was presented to the board. Supervisor Watne gave a brief overview of his meetings with the Iowa Drainage District Association and how the contribution to the mutual protection fund would represent the interests of all drainage districts in Iowa. Watne asked that the resolution not be approved as written at this time, that there may be some terminology changed on how the IDDA will participate in this suit. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to table discussion and the Resolution 2015-12 to a later date. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor