

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Conservation & Ag and Extension Committee

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 6th, 2022

Chair Mr. Dwight Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. John Sendelbach, Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht, Mr. Gary Stanton and Mr. Dennis Bork.

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:

Mr. Cale Severson, Ms. Matison Hackensmith, Mr. Joe Krumrie, and Mr. Sam Bach-Hanson, filling in for Attorney John Behling

Minutes: Dennis Bork made a motion seconded by Brad Schmidtknecht to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 5/2/2022 as sent. Motion Carried.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items:

None

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Buffalo White Sands Update

Sam Bach-Hanson provided an update on behalf of Buffalo White Sands – BWS is at the end process of a sale to Mr. Tim Barth, with approximately 30 days until the end of sale. The Segerstroms have stated they want to keep the mine open however, Mr. Rooney does not have an interest in keeping the mine open. The County will be notified when the sale is complete. General discussion was held regarding mining and sale timelines. Dennis Bork asked about the change of ownership regarding the permit and plan. Cale Severson answered saying they would either adopt the existing plan or create a new one and put a new bond in place and then release the old one from the previous owner. Mr. Bach will pass the information along to Mr. Barth about getting a plan for operating as soon as the sale is complete. Dennis Bork made a motion to table this pending more information, seconded by Gary Stanton. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Switch Land Conservation Cell Phone Provider to FirstNet

Cale Severson explained the topic of switching the Land Conservation dept. to the FirstNet cellular network. Explained how you can get the previous years phone for \$0.99 and would also get a one time credit of \$600. Currently with Verizon for a cellular network provider. Motion made to switch cellular networks to FirstNet from Verizon by Brad Schmidtknecht, seconded by John Sendelbach. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Appoint a Committee Member to the Fair Board

Dwight Ruff asked for a committee member to be a member of the county fair board. Gary Stanton volunteered. Motion by Dennis Bork to appoint Gary Stanton to the Fair Board, seconded by Brad Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Farmer Representative on the Land Conservation Committee

Dwight Ruff spoke on the topic and asked the committee to think of a person they would like to appoint for this role. Several suggestions were made that will be contacted.

Review/Discussion ~ A Resolution to Authorize Unspent CAPX2020 Funding Under Resolution #17-05-01 To Be Reallocated to PL-566 Repairs and Maintenance Fund

Cale Severson spoke to the committee about the topic. He asked for the resolution to move an inactive account into an active account for PL-566 repairs. This is to help pay for repairs that are coming up. There are no mandated inspections for 2023 but there are two inspections planned for 2024. Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht made a motion to reallocate the approximately \$8342.92 to the PL-566 maintenance and repairs fund account. Roll call Dwight Ruff-yes Brad Schmidtknecht-yes Gary Stanton-yes Dennis Bork-yes John Sendelbach-yes motion carried.

Review/Discussion ~ Starting the Bid Process for PL-566 and CCC structure work

Cale Severson spoke on the topic. He led discussion about getting the projects up and going now that there is money in the account to accomplish the projects

Land Conservationist Report:

Cale gave a report. Attended Trout Days. Cale is working on the Land and Water plan. Has spent a lot of time in the field and getting future projects set up for the upcoming year.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time:

First Monday of July is the 4th – county office is closed. Setting an alternate meeting date of August 1st 6pm.

Chairperson's Report:

Chair Mr. Dwight Ruff asked about progress on getting bids on mowing. Cale responded that he has been waiting to see how much money would be left over in the accounts to go towards mowing. Dwight asked to get bids for mowing for this year as things will only get more expensive if it is delayed.

Public Comments Not Related to Agenda Items:

None

Adjournment: Mr. John Sendelbach made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., Seconded by Mr. Dennis Bork, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cale Severson
County Conservationist