

Valley County Board Minutes



VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The Valley County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Courthouse Boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Cetak, Cullers, DeRiso, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Waldmann present, absent Baker (excused). Clerk verified meeting notice published in the Ord Quiz on November 23, 2022 and posted on the County website, agenda posted. DeRiso moved to approve the November 29, 2022 minutes, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. Abstain: Waldmann, not present for meeting. VanSlyke moved to adopt the agenda, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Sevenker noted Open Meetings Act posted on west wall, public copies available. There was no public comment.

Meyer asked for permission to sign a lease agreement for a 2023 Caterpillar skid steer loader, lease for one year or 250 hours for \$8,500, may purchase after the year or get a new one for another year, can take lease amount off purchase price if purchased. VanSlyke moved to authorize Meyer to sign the lease agreement for a 2023 Caterpillar skid steer loader, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: None. Absent: Baker.

The Road Department will pay Nebraska Machinery \$100,000 from funds received from the equipment auction, finance \$190,295.92 at 4% interest for five years with NACO Leasing Corporation and D.A. Davidson, First National Bank bought the note. Cetak moved to approve Resolution 22-21 approving a lease-purchase agreement for acquisition of a 2022 323 excavator, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker. Waldmann moved to sign the Disclosure/Engagement Letter Lease Purchase with D.A. Davidson, second Cullers. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker. Cullers moved to sign form 8038-G information return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

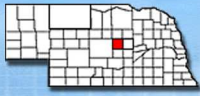
Meyer asked the Board to sign a Contractor Request for Payment for \$168,267.50 as a 50% payment to Ed Hoevet Excavating for stockpiling material purchased for bridge replacement of Structure No. C008812720, will pay out of buy back funds, bridge replaced in the spring. Waldmann moved to approve the Contractor Request for Payment to Ed Hoevet Excavating, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Culler, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Meyer's General Report included: salted roads, keep people safe, treat state right-of-way since State does not treat; providing more services, costs more; truck inspections; oil changes; compiling list of trees to cut, who responsible for cutting trees, mulch trees, find place to haul trees; get written opinion from County Attorney prior to meeting if cannot attend; Johnathan Brown coming back to work full time.

The resignation of Luke Kovarik from the Valley County Airport Authority Board was reviewed along with the appointment of Dave Williams to replace Kovarik. Waldmann moved to accept the resignation of Luke Kovarik and appoint Dave Williams to the Valley County Airport Authority Board, second Cetak. Sevenker has concerns about financials of the Airport, cropland and hay ground rented, Williams manages the Airport and on the Board. Cullers would like to know legally what the County's responsibility is since it is a County Airport, Airport receives tax money from the County, federal funds, fuel tax, rent from land and hangars, should receive a report from Airport Authority. Sevenker asked County Attorney for opinion on responsibility of County to Airport Authority and whether a conflict of interest for Williams to manage airport and be on the Board. Waldmann moved to rescind the motion, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker. Tabled to next meeting.

Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with Baker absent.

Treasurer Brott presented the Month End Fund Report: General Fund balance \$0.00, Road \$353,560.50, Relief \$49,215.61, Inheritance \$1,291,975.51, total collected \$674,966. The last payment on the Shop/Courthouse Plumbing Bond will be made December 15, Courthouse Renovation Bond paid off in 2026, Highway Allocation Bond paid off in 2024. Resolution 22-22, designating depositories the County Treasurer may use, was approved on motion of Cullers, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke. No: none. Absent: Baker.



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The County Clerk monthly fee report was reviewed. The Clerk reported on Resolution 22-20 Allowing County Treasurer and County Clerk to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund if needed, \$128,176.91 transferred.

No one appeared to discuss the pivot on the East County Farm, DeRiso told Baker the Board needs the NRD and irrigation district approval of the pivot running from Knapp Farm onto the East County Farm in writing, will request gates be installed in the fence, County Attorney checking with Regional Reclamation office to ensure protection of the County's water rights. County Attorney is updating the lease for the lot in the Mortensen Site that Corey Schaaf would like to lease. The application period for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant is December 12, 2022 to March 1, 2023. The following informational items were reviewed: NACO New County Board Orientation – January 14, 2023, NACO County Chair Workshop – February 17, 2023 and November District Court Fees and Fines Report.

The Claims and Fund Request in the amount of \$31,397.66 were approved on motion of Cetak, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Cullers made a motion to designate the Ord Quiz and Grand Island Independent as official County newspapers for 2023, second DeRiso. Carried. Yes: DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The list of 2023 State and Federal Holidays for Nebraska was presented. VanSlyke moved to approve the same holidays as last year, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The renewal rates for Principal dental, vision, critical illness and accident coverage were reviewed, only dental rates are changing, 4.9% increase.

The Maximus Countywide Cost Allocation Plan was continued to the next meeting. The Region 26 Minutes were reviewed, using Source Well as a purchasing agent for the radio/paging equipment for the Valley County Sheriff's Office would result in higher labor costs for installation, County installation share \$55,000.

Committee Reports: Cullers reported the Nebraska Community Foundation's net assets decreased by \$16,042,132 in 2022.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board of Equalization convened on motion of Cetak, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: Sevenker, VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak. No: none. Absent: Baker. The Clerk, Assessor's office employee Fleming, Theresa Petska, Johnny Ference and Judy Bower were present.

Becky Ries, Economic Development, and Ord Mayor Jeramy Sedlacek stated the League of Nebraska Municipalities' opinion is the Community Development Agency pays the real estate taxes the first year, in subsequent years Board of Equalization decides what the authority should pay, goal is to get properties back on the tax roll, the County wants to help Economic Development with the project, first year taxes \$1,700. VanSlyke suggested basing the in lieu of amount on land taxes. Waldmann suggested County Attorney Hanson work with City Attorney Sikyta to draw up document setting the in lieu of amount, Quiz property would qualify for in lieu of taxes.

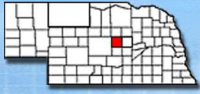
Tax List Correction #3900 for Frank M. and Dorothy M. Andreesen Trustees due to homestead exemption change from 100% to 90% was approved on motion of VanSlyke, second Waldmann. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker.

The Board moved out of Board of Equalization at 11:25 a.m. on motion of VanSlyke, second Cetak. Carried. Yes: VanSlyke, Cullers, Waldmann, DeRiso, Cetak, Sevenker. No: none. Absent: Baker.

Mail Folder items: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m., to reconvene on December 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in regular session and 11:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting and an agenda for the December 27, 2022 meeting are available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County website www.co.valley.ne.us.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working



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days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Paula Musil, Valley County Clerk