

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MAY 28, 2013.**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Mark V. Reiher with members Tom Heidenwirth and Rex Ackerman present. Also present were Engineer John Riherd, Zoning Administrator Mitch Nordmeyer, Fern Myers, Allison, Iowa and Bryan Willson and Tom W. Willson, Shell Rock, Iowa.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Board considered a Resolution of Support for the Rock Island Clean Line Electric Transmission Project. After discussion it was moved by Heidenwirth, second, by Ackerman to approve said Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION #783**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROCK ISLAND CLEAN LINE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Butler 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 Butler 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.

**UPON Roll Call** the vote thereon was as follows:

**AYES:** Rex Ackerman  
Tom Heidenwirth  
Mark V. Reiher

**NAYS:** None

Passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

**ATTEST:** Lizbeth Williams, County Auditor

Board met to make decision on deductible for Workman's Compensation. Also present was Assessor Deb McWhirter. After discussion it was moved by Ackerman, second by Reiher to increase the deductible to \$25,000 on IMWCA Worker's Compensation policy effective upon July 1, 2013 renewal. Motion carried.

Board appointment to the Housing Council was moved to the June 4, 2013 Board Meeting.

Public Hearing was held on request from Gerald and Andy Hobson to approve a minor plat of Timber Creek Estates-Plat 3 in Section 35, Township 92 North, Range 15 West. Present were Zoning Administrator Mitch Nordmeyer, Engineer John Riherd, Assessor Deb McWhirter, Fern Myers, Allison, Iowa, and Gerald Hobson, Bryan Willson and Tom W. Willson, Shell Rock, Iowa. Auditor reported no written or oral comments were received. At the close of the Public Hearing it was moved by Heidenwirth, second by Ackerman approve said request as recommended by the Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for F100; Nolte Finisher Farm; Kampman Finisher Farm; Cutshall Finisher Farm and Henning Finisher Farm

Board approved claims as submitted.

Moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn to Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on May 28, 2013.