

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

THIRTEENTH DAY

MARCH 18, 2003

REGULAR MARCH SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Don McGregor, Chairman, Eugene Elsbecker, Bob Cink and Don Besch. Absent: Lee Froehlich

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Cink to approve the minutes of March 11, 2003. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Elsbecker and 2nd by Cink to approve minutes of March 17, 2003 of budget hearing held in assembly meeting room at 1:00 p.m. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Cink to approve the agenda. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Elsbecker and 2nd by Besch to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

RE: REMOVAL OF TREES (TREE CONTROL) AS SET OUT IN U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR UNION SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESERVE.

WHEREAS, the United States owns 4280 acres of land in Kossuth County, Iowa, known as Union Slough National Wildlife Reserve (NWR) and manages it through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and

WHEREAS, the USFWS has developed a "Comprehensive Management Plan" (Plan) for the Union Slough National Wildlife Reserve which sets out the goal of "the Refuge watershed becoming a model of sustainability showing how modern successful agriculture and natural areas can thrive side by side" and with the major effort geared toward enhancement of tall grass prairie habitat for migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for an extensive tree control (removal) plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan requires active community participation and support; and

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors has been contacted by a large group of concerned citizens stating that the Plan's tree removal will devastate the ecosystem of many of the species the residents of this county have enjoyed for decades and, further, at a public hearing recently held there was an immense public turnout which establishes how important this area is to the residents of Kossuth County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that habitat diversity is important and that managing established trees in certain areas of the Union Slough NWR would provide critical habitat for many of the migratory species and other resident species that would be for the "continued benefit of the American People."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors hereby demands on behalf of the residents of Kossuth County, Iowa, and the American people that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service halt the excessive elimination of trees in the Union Slough National Wildlife Reserve until a new Comprehensive Management Plan can be established with active community participation and support which accomplishes the same goal of "the Refuge watershed becoming a model of sustainability showing how modern successful agriculture and natural areas can thrive side by side" with the major effort geared toward enhancement of tall grass prairie habitat for migratory birds, but including habitat diversity that would provide critical habitat for many of the migratory species and would not compromise the ecosystem of many of the species the residents of this county have enjoyed for decades which thereby would be for the "continued benefit of the American People."

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of March, 2003.

Donald McGregor, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
Kossuth County, Iowa

ATTEST:

Joann Bormann, Auditor
Kossuth County, Iowa

Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Elsbecker to approve North Kossuth Golf Club Liquor License. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Bids were received on the Kossuth County Care Facility from the following:

Allen Berte	\$38,000
Rabiner Treatment Center	\$40,000

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Cink to table until Board of Supervisors have opportunity to look over bid of Rabiner Treatment Center. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Cink to approve the Mental Health Plan. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Elsbecker and 2nd by Besch to approve the following letter:

Due to recent budget concerns effective April 1, 2003 and thereafter Kossuth County will no longer assume financial liability for individuals seeking involuntary or voluntary Substance Abuse treatment. Any treatment provided will be the liability of the individual per Iowa Code 230.15.

Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Cink and 2nd by Besch to approve the Notice of Privacy Practices and Workforce Confidentiality policy and to direct that the Privacy practice be posted on the Web Site and publish notice of its availability in the official papers. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Cink and 2nd by Elsbecker to direct Case Management, CPC and GR/VA to distribute the Privacy Notices, Workforce Confidentiality policy and to secure written signatures. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Cink and 2nd by Besch that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association of Havelock, Iowa to install fiber optic and copper cable located in various locations in Garfield Township as detailed on permit number 03-03-02 on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

Motion by Elsbecker and 2nd by Cink to approve the:

PROOF OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and IAC 567 Chapter 111, sub rule 111.8(6) require that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors, as owner and operator of the Kossuth County Sanitary Landfill, provide statement of Initial Proof of Establishment of Accounts by April 1, 2003, indicating that funds have been established for closure and post closure care, and

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors has established such funds, and now, with this resolution, hereby provides statement of those funds with the establishment of the Landfill Closure Fund and the Landfill Post Closure Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors as follows:

The Landfill Closure Fund and the Landfill Post Closure Fund are hereby established and restricted to pay for closure and post closure care of the Kossuth County Sanitary Landfill, INDR Permit Number 55-SDP-01-75:

The Landfill Closure Fund and the Landfill Post Closure Fund will be found in subsequent audit reports of Kossuth County.

Passed and approved this 18th day of March, 2003

Signed:

Don McGregor, Chairman
Kossuth County Supervisors

Joann Bormann
Kossuth County Auditor

Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous. Absent: Froehlich

On motion adjournment was taken until March 25, 2003.

Attest: _____

Joann Bormann
Kossuth County Auditor

Don McGregor, Chairman
Board of Supervisors