

March 23, 2020

Minutes taken by Kathleen Foster

- 9:03 Reconvene. Rein, Hammeke, and Lewis present. Call to Order. Flag Salute.
- Vouchers, and Checks, Minutes from Meetings March 16th and 19th.
Motion: Lewis moved to accept Rural Opportunities Act Resolution #2020-R-005 as presented. Hammeke seconded. Motion passed.
- 9:07 Reviewing Checks and Vouchers, and Minutes.
- 9:20 Discuss electronic set up for meetings throughout the day. Jen will assist with transmission to those calling in from their offices.
- 9:40 All vouchers complete and delivered to Clerk's Office
- 10:02 Broadway/Toles Road Drainage Project.
- Present: Jerald Hadley, and Ken Fenwick, Larned Township Board, Kurt Road and Bridge, Josh Beckman, Kirkham and Michael- Engineer, Bradley Eilts, Larned City Manager, Allen Taylor, City of Larned, Tom Giessel, Land Owner, Doug McNett, County Attorney.
- Kurt Demel and Josh Beckman, Engineer, present a review of potential drainage plan. Maps of placement of drainage pipes and retention ponds are passed out to those in attendance.
- Review: Placement of larger capacity pipes going west, some additional at the intersection, some going north (see map) Clearing of ditches, elevating the curve to hold more water,
- Kurt discussed currently are looking in more detail diverting water from the town off of the north side of houses and previous Northside location to moving water west through a natural channel.
- Josh, Engineer with Kirkham and Michael, stated that his firm would like to have direction from Commissioners as to if they want to move on a 10, 50, or 100-year flood plan.
- Discussion of size of basin and concentration. Need to determine peak flow.
Further possibilities to aid in the distribution of drainage were presented and discussed:
- Discussion regarding landowner's concerns and preferences regarding future disturbance of land. Discuss loss of top soil on agriculture land and loss of production if more dirt is taking from land to change drainage flow.
Further discussion among those present involved tree row, right away, school roof run off, responsibility of school, future use of land north, city, and township participation.
- Rein stated that the homeowners expressed their concern of flooding and excess drainage into their property a year ago and it is the intention of the Commissioners to proceed with the rectifying the problem. Extensive research and review of the information have occurred over a number of committee meetings.

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Discussion of the water flowing into the channel west of the houses. Question about contacting Soil Conservation Office regarding conservation of land as it relates to drainage flow. Philip Hammeke will visit with Jamie Holopirek from Soil Conservation Service office.

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Discussion continues: Ken Fenwick shared his concerns, favors drainage to move north along Toles Road to Ash Creek (natural flow).

Rein commented that Ken's suggestion to move water down Toles would help with reducing the water retention south.

Discussion of cost: approximately \$155,000.00.

10:50

Phil Martin, USD 495 School Attorney, joined the Committee Discussion.

Discussion continued among committee members. Kurt shared a plan to add and remove specific culverts to prevent future drainage into residence property. Ken Fenwick shared the number of culverts Township has replaced.

Philip Hammeke mentioned that the city, township and schools share of \$25,000. each could be spread out over a two- or three-year period.

Commissioners requested that Phil Martin communicate with the school district for input and participation in this drainage project is essential. Commissioners and other committee members are waiting from dialogue with the school district.

Mr. Martin requested reports, maps, and information that he could share with the school leadership. Requested information was made available.

Committee members are invited to attend next week's meeting to continue discussions of project of drainage.

Committee adjourned

11:00

Update on COVID-19.

ZOOM Phone Conference call with expanded LEPC Group
In attendance: Doug McNett, Attorney, Cheryl Hoberecht and Amanda Lakin from County Health Dept.
KDHE update from Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Dept.
Currently Pawnee County does not have any positive cases of virus.
Testing Guidelines have changed per KHDE. Cheryl read changes.
Review KDHE guidelines City facilities and business, citizens continue to comply with the recommendations.
Doug McNett, Attorney, impress on everyone that the Court House is still open for business under restricted access policy.
Land Fill is open, District Court is closed with a few exceptions, (protective orders). Paperwork flow will continue.
Bradley Eilts, Larned City Manager shared that City Hall and Community Center are still closed. Drop off box available for payment of utilities.
Rein encouraged all to continue to follow the KDHE Guidelines.
Zoom Meeting concluded.

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Discussion follows with Pawnee County Health Dept. and Commissioners regarding COVID-19. Cheryl Hobercht, County Health Dept. Health Department still offering regular service by appointment with prescreening in following guidelines.

12:00 Recess until 1:15.

1:15 Reconvened.

Phone conference with George Harms, Hays Med and Melanie Urban from PVCH. George began monthly report by reporting the financials are below budget for the month. The volume has been down affecting the intake. Melanie said the fourth health care provider was beginning work on 3/24/2020. The expectation is that the volume will come back up with full staff on board. The clinics have also been down, therefore prescriptions are down. The past month available staff was less than usual due to previously scheduled vacation time and other scheduled in-service assignments. Anticipation for this month is that volume will go back up. Hays Med is using on line education rather than sending staff to in-services and conferences.

Events are being rescheduled for later in the year.

Melanie Urban, PVCH update. PVCH is ordering all supplies they can access.

The PVCH Staff continue to plan for future actions related to COVID-19.

Melanie Urban inquired about storage at the annex.

Conference call completed

1:45 Discussion among Commissioners regarding establishing a protocol to follow if, in the future, there is a courthouse employee displaying symptoms. How to proceed?

All agree that if employee displays symptoms or tests positive, the individual will be expected to follow KDHE guidelines to self-quarantine at home. Paid Administrative Leave would be available.

However, if a court house staff member chooses to stay at home for concern of health or other reasons, that individual will use own personal sick leave.

Cheryl Hobercht and Amanda Lakin, County Health Department, reported that local restaurants offering dine in are seating people far apart. Local businesses are following KDHE recommendations.

2:26 Cheryl Hobercht, County Health Dept. and Lisa Dipman, Larned State Hospital, confer each day.

State Hospital is making provisions to care for and keep their patients in house rather than transfer to PVCH as related to COVID-19. Will keep board members informed throughout the week.

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2:50 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, presented the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2019 and Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan 2020. **Motion, Lewis moved to accept the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2019 – as required by KSA 2-1216 as presented. Hammeke seconded. Motion Passed.**

Motion, Lewis move to Accept the Pawnee County 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan as presented. Hammeke seconded. Motion Passed.

Commissioners signed both documents.

Kurt reported that he is enforcing the KDHE procedures in his department. Each morning a staff member asks each employee the questions to monitor COVID-19.

Kurt has employees working in small groups. Discussed implementing the practice that employees take truck home with them and report to job site each morning rather than come into the office.

Employees are calling in for orders, fueling, and going to job site.

Kurt passed out maps of the utility lines for the Broadway Drainage project. AT&T and Kansas Gas Service employees have been marking these utility lines.

3:00 Joel Davis, Public Information Officer, handed out the latest KS COVID-19 public update of March 23, 2020.

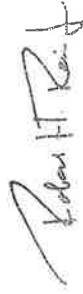
3:06 Commissioners and Kurt Demel continue Discussion regarding Broadway Drainage Project.

3:08 Kurt reported projects completed on Lewis road, T G Rd, and Bridge Guard Rail.

3:15 Continue discussion on the best plans for moving forward on drainage project.

3:17 Kurt said he has asked for Bid offers on the OS-21 Bridge Project

3:25 Adjourned.



**For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners**


Attest:

County Clerk