

PROCEEDINGS OF O'BRIEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS

May 7, 2019

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Steensma to approve the proceedings of April 30, 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by Vanden Hull to approve a claim to VISA for wiring materials in the amount of \$2,676.97. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Friedrichsen to approve the liquor license application of The Hide Out. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by Friedrichsen to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all ayes.

**O'Brien County Resolution No. 2019-10  
Weed Notice**

To All Property Owners:

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of O'Brien County, Iowa:

That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, 2019, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each persons in the possession or control of any lands in O'Brien County shall cut burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Also, in accord with a motion adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019, all owners or persons in control of lands adjacent to any secondary road of O'Brien County must control noxious weeds in roads adjacent to their lands in accord with the following schedule. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 10, 2019 for Leafy Spurge; Hoary Cress, also known as White Top and Perennial Peppergrass; Curly Dock, also known as Sour Dock; Smooth Dock, also known as Pale Dock; Red Sorrel, also known as Sheep Sorrel.

Group 2. June 10, 2019 for Canada Thistle; Russian Knapweed; Buckhorn Plantain; Wild Mustard.

Group 3. June 10, 2019 for Field Bindweed, also known as European Morning Glory or Creeping Jennie; Wild Carrot, also known as Queen Anne's Lace; Poison Hemlock, also known as Deadly Hemlock.

Group 4. June 10, 2010 for Horsenettle, also known as Bull Nettle; Perennial Sowthistle; Quackgrass; Velvetleaf, also known as Buttonweed, Indian Mallow or Butterprint; Puncturevine, also known as Caltrop, Ground Burnut or Tackweed; Cocklebur; Bull Thistle; Tall Thistle, also known as Field Thistle; Musk Thistle; Wild Sunflower; Teasel, Multiflora Rose, Shattercane.

2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in O'Brien County infested with any noxious weeds listed above shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.
3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in O'Brien County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including cost of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate, or he may at his option levy a fine of \$10.00 per day for up to ten days.
4. That the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the county.

Be It Further Resolved, that O'Brien County be designated as a weed control unit

Sherri Bootsma  
Chairman Board of Supervisors

Attest: Barbara Rohwer  
County Auditor

On April 30, 2019 a hearing was held on the proposed expansion of the Hawkeye Pride Pullets feeding operation located in the SE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 15, Floyd Township. This is for a 260,000 head pullet confinement building with manure storage for an existing poultry confinement facility. The facility will have a capacity of 1,275 animal units (510,000 head of pullets) after construction. There were no objections or comments received. The Dept. of Natural Resources reviewed the site on May 1, 2019 along with representatives from the County. There were no issues found and the matrix scoring is 440.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by Vanden Hull to recommend approval of the construction application of Hawkeye Pride Pullets in the SE ¼ NW1/4 of Section 15, Floyd Township. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Board discussed the recent legislation that was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2019 regarding mental health funding and taxation. Under the legislation, counties have 30 days after the Governor signs the bill to revisit their mental health tax levy rates for Fiscal 2020. If the Board would so choose, they could hold a new budget hearing and request a raise in the tax dollars in Fiscal 2020. After much discussion, the Board decided to leave their levy rates as adopted in March 2019.

John Steensma left the meeting at 10:00 am.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by McDowell to approve the amended Secondary Road DOT Budget for Fiscal 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by McDowell to accept the quote of Boyer Trucks for 2 Western Star tandem axel trucks for a total of \$232,539. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to adjourn to May 14, 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Attest:        Barbara Rohwer  
                  County Auditor

Sherri Bootsma  
                  Chairperson