

PUBLIC NOTICE Board of Supervisors

APRIL 1, 2019

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Helgevoid, and Rasmussen.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 25, 2019 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

March 2019 Claims

Table listing various services and their costs, including General Basic Fund, ABILITY, Service, AgSource, Service, AgVantage, Fuel, Ahlers & Cooney, Service, etc.

Table listing various services and their costs, including Jail Commissary, Hewett, Service, MH-DD Services Fund, Casey's Business MC, Fuel, Morgan Dettbarn, Reimbursement, etc.

Table listing various services and their costs, including Goldfield Access, Service, Grounded, Service, Mid-America, Service, Verizon, Service, Wright Co. Communications, etc.

dated the date of delivery, shall mature on the Maturity Date, and shall bear interest at the rate of 2.750% per annum, payable on December 1, 2019 and the Maturity Date, except as the provisions hereinafter set forth with respect to prepayment prior to maturity may be or become applicable hereto. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. Section 3. Advances on the 2019B Project Note may be requested by the County Auditor in such amounts and at such times as are needed to pay costs of the Project. The date and amount of each advance shall be entered by the Lender on the Schedule of Advances on the 2019B Project Note, and each advance shall bear interest from the date of such entry. Section 4. The County Auditor is hereby designated as the Registrar and Paying Agent for the 2019B Project Note and may be hereinafter referred to as the "Registrar" or the "Paying Agent." The County reserves the right to prepay principal of the 2019B Project Note in whole or in part on any date prior to maturity upon terms of par and accrued interest. All principal so prepaid shall cease to bear interest on the prepayment date. The 2019B Project Note shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner in the records of the County kept for such purpose, after which no transfer shall be valid unless made on said records by the County Auditor, and then only upon a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the County, duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized attorney for such registered owner. The County shall maintain as confidential the record of identity of owners of the 2019B Project Note, as provided by Section 22.7 of the Code of Iowa. Section 5. The 2019B Project Note shall be in substantially the following form: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF IOWA WRIGHT COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN RENEWAL LOAN AGREEMENT ANTICIPATION PROJECT NOTE, SERIES 2019B DATED DATE: April 16, 2019 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$2,700,000 INTEREST RATE: 2.750% MATURITY DATE: July 1, 2020 Section 6. The Loan Proceeds anticipated to be received under the Loan Agreements are hereby appropriated to the payment of the 2019B Project Note and may also be appropriated to the payment of other obligations issued to pay costs of the Project. At its sole discretion, the Board of Supervisors may appropriate to the payment of the 2019B Project Note proceeds to be received from State or federal grants and/or income or revenues from sources to be received and expended for the Project during the period of its construction. Section 7. It is anticipated that the closing of the credit transaction contemplated herein will occur on April 16, 2019. To the extent that the date of closing needs to be adjusted, the County staff, with advice from the Placement Agent, the Purchaser, and Bond Counsel to the County, is hereby authorized to make such adjustment and to modify the transaction documents accordingly. Section 8. It is the intention of the County that interest on the 2019B Project Note be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations in effect with respect thereto (all of the foregoing herein referred to as the "Internal Revenue Code"). In furtherance thereof, the County covenants to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as they may from time to time be in effect or amended and further covenants to comply with the applicable future laws, regulations, published rulings and court decisions as may be necessary to insure that the interest on the 2019B Project Note will remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any and all of the officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary to comply with the covenants herein contained. The County hereby designates the 2019B Project Note as a "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation" as that term is used in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 9. It is the intention of the County that the interest on the 2019B Project Note be and remain exempt from the taxes imposed by Division II (Personal Net Income Tax) and Division III (Business Tax on Corporations) of Chapter 422 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. The County hereby declares that the 2019B Project Note is being issued solely for the urban renewal purposes of the County pursuant to the authority granted in Section 403.12 of the Code of Iowa and under the urban renewal plan for the 2016 Wright County Agribusiness Park Urban Renewal Area. Furthermore, the County covenants to use the proceeds from the issuance of the 2019B Project Note strictly for the carrying out of urban renewal projects in the 2016 Wright County Agribusiness Park Urban Renewal Area as set forth in the preamble hereof. Section 10. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Section 11. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law. Passed and approved April 1, 2019. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevoid to approve change order #3 in DD #125-49-1 to extend the completion date to July 1, 2019. Motion carries. Currently, the completion date is May 1, 2019. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevoid to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE Eagle Grove Community Schools

EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533 MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 CALL TO ORDER: The Eagle Grove Community School District Board of Education met on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the board meeting room at the Emerson Building - District Administration Office with President Jon Rowen presiding. Members present were: Directors Tracy Crail, Erin Halverson, and Elaine Schope. Others present for the meeting included Superintendent Toliver, Secretary Sadler, Principals Jeske, and Siebersma; one high school student, and Les Houser with the Eagle Grove Eagle. Director Robinson was absent. COMMUNICATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS: Building Principals gave updates on past and upcoming spring events and assemblies and gave reminders of approaching events. ACKNOWLEDGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM: None were noted. APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Director Crail, seconded by Director Halverson, to approve the proposed agenda. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Schope, to approve minutes from meeting on 3/11/19, the bill lists and financial statements for all funds, contracts with new teachers for next year with Julie Schreiber, Radney Roosa, and Nathan Perry, contracts with existing staff for this year with Jacob Groth as asst boys track coach, a resignation from Colten Ledbetter as HS PE teacher, and open enrollment applications for one student from CGD and one student from Humboldt. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. 2019-2020 BUDGET - PUBLIC HEARING: The public is given the opportunity to address the Board of Education and to ask any questions regarding the budget. 2019-2020 BUDGET ADOPTION: Motion by Director Crail, seconded by Director Schope, to approve the Adoption of Budget & Taxes for the 2019-2020 school year as published. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. PUBLIC HEARING - 2018-2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT: The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing giving the public the opportunity to ask any questions regarding amending the current school year budget. APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Crail, to approve the amendment of the current school year budget. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. SPANISH CLUB TRIP REQUEST: Motion by Director Schope, seconded by Director Crail, to approve a school activity trip to Costa Rica on June 9, 2019 by the HS Spanish Club. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Schope, to approve an early graduation request. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS FOR 2019-2020: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Schope, to approve a three-year settlement with the Eagle Grove Education Association at 2.75%, a two-year settlement with the Eagle Grove Educational Services Association at 3%, and a one-year settlement with non-bargaining staff at 2.75%. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$25000: None. AUDIT REPORT FY18: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Schope, to accept the district audit report for FY ending June 30, 2018. The motion carried. Ayes: Crail, Halverson, Rowen, Schope. Nays: None. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Board members made comments regarding various items. Among them were regarding the bleachers at the football field and a possible settlement rebate coming to the district from ISCAP. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Toliver made comments regarding staff changes and space concerns at the MS and the possibility of a need for portable classrooms. ADJOURN: Upon a motion by Director Halverson, and a second by Director Schope, President Rowen declared the meeting adjourned. Reports and documents considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 448-4749, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ATTEST: Teresa Sadler, Board Secretary Jon Rowen, Board President Activity Fund Bills For March, Approval April 8, 2019 Amazon, Supplies.....310.51 Bomgaars, Supplies.....33.87 Carlos Calles, Juan, Dance Dj.....200.00 Charlson, Angela, Reimb. Supplies.....219.81 City Of Webster City, Fuller Hall Rental.....69.50 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Csd, Ffa Fees.....82.44 Courtyard By Marriott - Des Moines, State Wrestling.....689.92 Decker Sporting Goods, Supplies.....59.00 Demuth, Ben, Reimb. Reimb. Xc Fees.....432.00 Dollars For Scholars, Aaron Ellerts Memorial Scholarship.....250.00 Eagle Building Supply, Supplies.....441.94 Eagle Grove Csd, Cash For Activities.....1,877.46 Eagle Grove Greenhouses, Supplies.....40.00 Fareway Stores, Supplies.....374.88 Four Seasons Fundraising, Supplies.....67.00 Frommelt, Julie Reimb. Supplies.....437.56 Fuller Hall, Pbis Trip.....139.00 Groth, Sarah, Reimb. Supplies.....78.37 Hamilton County Extension, 5th Grade

Table listing various services and their costs, including Ag Day, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Csd, Wn Entry Fee, Hewett Wholesale, Inc., Supplies, Humboldt Csd, Indoor Track Entry Fee, Ihsma, Registrations, Iowa Ffa Association, Registration, Iowa State Track & Field, Indoor Track Entry Fee, Link, Jill, Reimb. Cheer Expenses (Wr & Bb), Marriot Hotel - Coralville, Fbla Leadership Conference, McLaughlin, Jim, Reimb. Supplies, National Ffa Organization, Supplies, Oriental Trading Company, Supplies, Pedersen, Ryan, Reimb. Supplies, Pepper, J.W., Supplies, Schild, Josh, Reimb. Supplies, Schwake, Justin, Reimb. Supplies, Scratch Cupcakery, Jr Class Fundraiser, Smock, Andrea, Reimb. Supplies, Snyder, Mariah, Reimb. Supplies, The Graphic Edge, Supplies, Trophies Plus, Inc., Supplies, Wal-Mart Store, Inc., Supplies, White, Jeanette, Reimb. Supplies, Nutrition Fund Invoices For March, Approval April 8, 2019, Anderson-Erickson Diary Co., Milk Products, Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling, A La Carte, Earthgrains Baking Companies, Bread Products, Fareway Store, Supplies, Martin Bros. Dist. Co., Supplies, GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2019, Amazon, supplies, Arnold Motor Supply, repair parts, Ascherl, Amy, supplies reimb, Ben Franklin, supplies, Bomgaars, supplies, Briggs, Patty, reimburse the mtg supplies, CBI, supplies, Central Iowa Dist, supplies, Claimaid, Medicaid claimings, Crescent Electric, light bulbs, Culligan, supplies, Demco, supplies, Dept of Education, bus inspections, DMACC, Strive Program Instructional Costs, Eagle Building Supply, supplies, Eagle Grove Chiropractic, sports physical for student, Eagle Grove City of, water, Eagle Grove Eagle, publications, Eagle Grove Schools, wire transfer fees, Engel, Rick, Attorney, legal fees, Fareway, supplies, Goldfield Access Network, monthly telephone service, Gopher, supplies, Hart-Hammer, filters, Hawkeye West Pest Control, monthly service, Hiway Truck Equip, supplies, IASBO, registration fees, ICCO, Earlybird Courses/career academy, JJUMP, utilities, Interstate Battery Center, supplies, Iowa Division of Labor Serv, boiler inspection, Iowa Specialty Hosp., bus driver physicals, Iowa State of Iowa Auditor, audit filing fee, Iowa State University, registration, Jerry's, window cleaning, Jeske, Scott, supplies for meeting, Martin Bros, supplies, Matt Parrott, supplies, McGraw Hill, supplies, MidAmerican Energy, utilities, Old Creamery, performance, Paper Corp, supplies, Pepper, supplies, Quill, supplies, Regents of the University of Minnesota, manual & training, Riemann Music, supplies, Sadler, Teresa, mtg exp, School Bus Sales, repair parts, Secure Shred, shredding service, Siebersma, Jeff, travel exp, Smock, Andi, supplies reimb, Snyder, Luke, supplies reimb, Spencer Steel, supplies, Subway, PT Conf, T & D, repairs, Teeselink, Sarah, reimb for registration fees, Thacker, Rich, mtg exp reimb, Toliver, Jess, meeting expense reimb, Trash Man, monthly service, US Postal Service, postage meter refill, Van Diest Med Center, bus driver physical, Verizon, monthly charge, W & H, fuel, Wilson, Beth, supplies reimb, MANAGEMENT FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2019, EMC Ins., Deductible billing for work comp, PPEL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2019, Amazon, equipment, Bankers Trust, princ & interest on bonds, Bomgaars, equipment, Crescent Electric, fixtures, K & K Const, stone for parking lots, McGuiness Co., C.H., repairs, Menards, repair parts, Oldson's, repairs, Pok-A-Dot Plumbing, repairs, Ricoh, copier lease, Published in the Eagle Grove Eagle on April 18, 2019.

Legals are your right to know!

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Goldfield

GOLDFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 8, 2019

Mayor Gabe Fiscus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Sorensen, Crees, Meinke, Whyte and Petersen. Also present: Lynn Seaba, City Attorney; Barbara Jergenson, City Clerk; Jim Sisson, PW Superintendent; Police Chief, Ray Beltran; Jerry Askvig; Cindy Litwiller, WCED Director; Fire Chief Jeff Slaikeu; Wayne Schlotfeldt; Joe and Phyllis Skinner. Motion made by Sorensen, second Whyte to approve the March 11th minutes. Motion made by Sorensen, second Whyte to approve the March 19th Special Session minutes. Motion made by Meinke, second Sorensen to approve the April claims. All ayes. Motions carried. Payroll 10,929.70 City Contributions 1,611.94 Goldfield Post Office, postage 99.40 Annual PO Box fee 64.00 Century Link, non-emergency police line 45.94 The Trash Man, March Service 77.00 Mid-American Publishing, publishing legal's 150.40 Malloy Law Firm, legal fees 68.75 AgSource Laboratories, water & wastewater testing 68.75 Goldfield Telephone Co., fax, telephone, internet 341.38 Mid American Energy, gas & electric 2,613.08 Mid American Energy, Lighting River Park 50.54 Mid American Energy, tennis court, school elec., school gas, ballfield, elec. 1,427.74 W & H Cooperative, city diesel & gas 212.50 Fire Department 36.16 Access Systems, copier system 142.76 PSI, dictation pro recorder 99.99 Qtrly Cell phone, Nick Knowles, Jim Sisson 60.00 Hawkeye West Pest Control, School & City Hall 86.00 Holly Louk, Janitorial expense for City Hall & School 171.00 Wright Co Communications, Dispatch - 3rd & 4th Quarter 9,097.20 Steve Whyte, Landfill Mtg 3/20 mileage & meeting 42.00 Goldfield Commercial Club, 2019 Dues 40.00 Goldfield School, Utility 2/20 - 3/21 43.82 Central Iowa Water, Starch Acid Pwd. 26.80 Unity Point Clinic, MUCCA Membership 40.00 City of Eagle Grove, Ambulance Service 3,043.12 Brown Supply, Water meter parts 272.60 Hawkins, Azone 15/Water Plant 347.70 Rasmussen Landscaping, Broom Main St. 300.00 OmniSite, Water Plant Radio upgrade kit 315.65 City of Eagle Grove, Police Services April - June 2019 47,938.20 Barb Jergenson, Mileage expense - WCED Mtg./Auditor 15.84 Hach, KTO: PH Buffer solution kit/Water Plant 41.94 Schlotfeldt Engineering, Services thru March 2019/School Addition Project 10,862.10 Abstract Assoc. of Wright County, Abstract - New Subdivision Development 589.50 Police/Council/Attendees discussed The March Dispatch Activity Report along with truck traffic/Jake brakes, etc. on Highway 3. Wright County Supervisors approved the new Wright County EMS program that will start July 1st. This will include Belmont, Clarion and Eagle Grove which will be under one director. Motion made by Whyte, second Sorensen to approve the Fire Department Blanket Accident Insurance Policy for three years at a cost of \$1,011 per year. Effective date: 4/01/2019 thru 4/01/2022. All ayes. Motion carried. PW Superintendent discussed drainage issues for some properties. Wayne Schlotfeldt Engineering will check Casey's drain on possible repairs. Tonka reported to Jim that the Water Plant needs two high service pumps. No costs have come back to him yet. Motion made by Meinke, second Sorensen to purchase a Trash Pump with a \$700 limit. Motion made by Sorensen, second Crees to approve the purchase of a battery charger at a cost of \$200 from Bomgaars. All ayes. Motions approved. Nick Knowles, Affidavit Operator put in his resignation as of June 1st. Mayor Fiscus will be given a list of qualified operators to follow up with or the DNR might be able to get a waiver for Jim to qualify as an operator. Goldfield Clean Up Days - April 27th & April 28th. Workers - Some Council have volunteered and Jim will check with the part time help used for snow removal. Joe Skinner addressed the Council on using golf carts for transporting people during Project Aware July 7th so the River Park would not be overloaded with vehicles. The Golf Cart Ordinance needs to be amended for events such as these. May agenda. Schedule Special Session Mtg. for Budget Amendment - tabled. Review Rural Housing 360 Development Agreement - tabled. Mid American Contract - Phase I & II - tabled - more info needed. Whyte introduced and moved Res. #721 naming the Cul-de-sac -- Diamond Court. Second by Meinke. Ayes: Sorensen, Crees, Meinke, Whyte, Petersen. Nays: None. Wayne Schlotfeldt discussed the final plot easements for the Goldfield School Development; reviewed plans/specs for Phase I & II bids along with the timeline for bids. A Special Meeting for dedication and plat resolution has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th. Also included in this meeting will be nuisance properties and a variance request from Paul Tokheim to build a garage at a different location other than his residential property. Motion made by Sorensen, second Meinke to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. ATTEST: Gabe Fiscus, Mayor Barbara Jergenson, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Eagle Grove

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY APRIL 1ST 2019

Mayor McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with Council Members Middleton, Vandewater, Weland, Jergens, Pamperin and Schild. Also present: City Attorney Legvold, City Administrator Davis and Deputy Day. A motion was made by Jergens and seconded by Pamperin to approve the consent agenda which includes the March 18th minutes and claims. Roll Call: all ayes. Beck Performance Diesel, Repairs Police Interceptor 557.20 Bomgaars, Parts 495.55 Central Iowa Distributing, Shop Supplies 107.00 Dearborn National Life Insuran, March, April Life Insurance 255.12 Eagle Grove Fire Dept., Monthly Maintenance 300.00 Gall's Inc., Uniforms Slape 446.76 Goldfield Access Network, Telephone, Internet 774.52 Hennigar's Wrecker Service, Tow To Impound 120.00 I & S Group Inc., Sw 9th St Bridge 4,927.13 Kist Kleanning, Cleaning Services 513.38 Lyle's Ford-Mercury, Transfer Case-Cemetery Truck 1,712.33 Midamerican Energy, Electricity 15,872.36 Professional Claims Group Inc, Billing Service Fee 167.73 Rockmount Research, Welding Wire 315.34 The Trash Man, Garbage Revenues 2,545.17 Torkelson Construction, 2 Morningside Drive 360,000.00 Ups, Shipping 12.28 Verizon, Cell Phones 675.01 Wright County Fire Association, Pager Dispatch Response 734.00 Payroll Checks 33,551.25 Michael White Refund Memorial Hall Rent 75.00 Fund Totals General 23,234.33 Road Use Tax 12,256.09 Employee Benefits 164.20 Garbage 2,545.17 Sw 9th Bridge Project 3,247.13 2017 Projects 420.00 2019 Project 360,000.00 Water 8,807.47 Sewer 13,407.74 Memorial Hall 75.00 Building Permits: Ben Franklin, 222 W Broadway, outdoor greenhouse Kevin Lawrence, 408 SE 3, fence Marco Vasquez, 520 N Jackson, enclosed porch A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2019-32: Setting April 15th 2019 at 6:30pm as a date for Public Hearing for Amending the Official Zoning Map. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Jergens and seconded by Schild to approve Resolution 2019-33: Setting April 15th 2019 at 6:30pm as a date for Public Hearing to Consider the Submission of a Housing Fund Application. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Discussed 107' Aerial Ladder Truck Acquisition for the Eagle Grove Fire Department. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Middleton to approve Resolution 2019-34: Setting April 15th 2019 at 6:30pm as a date for Public Hearing on Proposal to enter into a General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Loan/Lease-Purchase Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$850,000. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Weland to approve Parks Improvement Plan for the Aquatic Center and Baseball Diamonds. Roll Call: all ayes Discussed Updates on the following: Housing Rehabilitation Grant, Downtown Revitalization Grant, SW 9th Bridge, Cemetery Building, Ladder Truck, 2019 Pavement Project and Water Reclamation Facility. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Schild to approve Entering into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss land acquisition in the City of Eagle Grove at 7:16 pm. A motion was made by Schild and seconded by Weland to approve Entering into Open Session at 7:44pm. Roll Call: all ayes No action was taken on land acquisition in the City of Eagle Grove. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Middleton to adjourn at 7:44pm. ATTEST: Sandra McGrath, Mayor Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE Board of Supervisors

APRIL 5, 2019

Chairman Rasmussen called the special meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Kluss, Helgevold, and Rasmussen. Other interested parties present were: Cindy Litwiller (Wright County Economic Development), Eric Simonson (Wright County Attorney), Bryce Davis and Sandy McGrath (City of Eagle Grove), Pat Ennis, Mike Ennis, Scott Anderson and Melinda Anderson (Ennis Corporation), Joel Peterson and Karl Peterson (Peterson Construction). Present on conference call were: Derek Johnson, Eric Gjerstvik, and Kelly Evans from ISG. Discussion on the Agribusiness Park was held with updates from ISG on tasks associated with the design, platting, archeological surveying, tile location and bid letting processes. Derek Johnson explained that a plat was being developed and it would be sent over next week for review. The board will need to set a date for public hearing on the platting and bid letting with a tentative April 15th date suggested. Discussion was then held regarding the offsite sanitary sewer. A conversation with an adjoining landowner revealed that an easement for installation of the infrastructure could be met, but could take longer than if the secondary road right of way is used. A question was then raised as to the timeframe of getting water at the agribusiness park. ISG explained that an application to the DNR would need to be filed before digging a well. Joel Peterson suggested Ennis Corp. drill their own private well. The Board of Supervisors would like Ennis Corp. to sign an agreement saying that they would cap their private well and use the public well once it is available if they wish to proceed with digging their own. Sandy McGrath then asked if the county could apply to the DNR to drill a private well with the intention to make it a public well in the future. ISG will reach out to the DNR to see if that would be possible and feasible. The Board then asked the county attorney the process of selling the land to Ennis Corporation. Eric Simonson explained that the county would have to set a public hearing and publish notice. Once a legal description is established, this process can begin. Discussion was then held with the City of Eagle Grove regarding the possibility of operating the dual well system. The county would install the infrastructure, then the city would take over the maintenance and invoicing the utilities on it. Bryce Davis said that the city would have to look into the feasibility of it. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. ATTEST: Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Lukes, Deputy Auditor

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Solar Panels

Letter to the Editor:

The April 11, 2019 issue of the Eagle Grove Eagle on page 9 had a lengthy article supporting subsidies to continue selling back energy to power companies. I would like to give my opinion on this. But remember as you read this that tax rebates to one group of people is taking money from every other tax payer in the state. The president of the Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association (ISETA) that if the customer has to pay a fee for being hooked up to the power grid (estimated at \$27 month) it would eat up all the savings to install solar panels. The ISETA glosses over several tax breaks given to a person to install solar panels. 1. A federal income tax rebate of up to 30% of the installation price. 2. A state income tax rebate of 50% of the federal credit but not more than \$5000 3. No state sales tax which is 7% of the purchase price. The example the ISETA used of a homeowner spending \$12,500 to install a unit. This means of that amount the customer gets \$3,750 federal tax credit, \$1,875 state tax credit, and \$875 sales tax credit, for a total reduction of \$6,500. More that 50% of the price of the solar panels. Imagine buying a car and the dealer reduces the sticker price by half. I am not opposed to people installing solar panels. What I disagree with is that I have to pay for someone else to buy a solar panel. There is no good explanation why I have to let someone use my money for something they want. If it's a good deal, the purchase should stand on its own and not require a 50% price reduction to make it practical. I hope the Iowa Legislature passes the hook up to the grid charge currently being debated. - Mark Ketchum Eagle Grove

For What It's Worth



I'm proud to be the mother of a fifth grade girl... for the third time :) That means I'm lucky enough to have gone with each of my daughters at this age to a free program offered at Robert Blue Middle School: Girl Talk. Girl Talk educates these young ladies about changes - in their appearance, emotions, maturity, and more. Last week in the class, something was said to the girls that really resonated with me as well, and I can't stop thinking about it. They told the girls that for every one cut down or bad comment you say to someone - studies show it takes seven good things to reverse the effects of that one bad thing. They even had a visual aid to reinforce the point they were trying to make. They asked the girls to say something that would hurt feelings - then they had to come up and tear a limb off a paper person. After this "person" laid torn apart, crumpled on the floor, the girls had to come up with seven nice things to say before they attached the body back to the head. They had to think of seven new nice things before they attached an arm to the body - and so on and so forth. When the paper person was completely put back together, there was still a noticeable difference. Yes, it was back together, but it was crumpled and scarred. It was a great demonstration for the girls about choosing our words carefully. I think it was a great reminder for us adults as well. It is our human nature to want to be liked, so it's no wonder that when someone puts us down or makes us feel bad about ourselves that it sticks with us. Does social media play a part in this? It's easier to say something hurtful or be short and blunt when you don't have to look the person in the face. Does the loss of human interaction result in the loss of human emotion? If only we could focus on the good as quickly and easily as we do the negative. We need to start remembering the compliments more than the negatives. We can not let someone else's opinion of us define who we are. We have to believe in ourselves, and believe in the good of each other. I am proud to say I know some people like this who choose to focus on the good, choose to focus on the positive, choose to build each other up, and choose to celebrate each other's victories - not look for the faults, defects, or imperfections. To those of you who share kind words to me and to others, know you are making a difference for the better. As the song from Wicked says, "Because I knew you, I have been changed for the better." This week, I'm challenging myself to focus on the compliments - the ones I receive, and more importantly, the ones I will give. Editor, Kim Demory

DID YOU KNOW?

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly. - Robert F. Kennedy

THE ALTERNATIVE

Thou Shalt Not Steal

Natural disasters remind us how trivial our own problems are. When I saw a photo of two late-model combines and a grain bin mostly covered in Missouri River water, the tragedy was driven home. What do you do with thou-sands of bushels of soaked corn and no still? When faced with such a terrible situation, we have to wonder, how could this happen? The wrath of God? Well, in a way. Rain and snow fall on the earth. They soak in or run off. History shows where it is safe to build or farm. The West Fork of the Ce-dar River runs through our property. Once I returned from town to find Dawn wading through chest deep water past fence posts covered with spiders. She was herding cows to high ground. It becomes obvious that going underground in a tornado or heading for higher ground in a flood is the best way to deal with Mother Nature. Stopping the wind or water would never enter a logical mind. When I went to Alaska to work in my younger days, I got a job with a helicopter logging company. We were there to clear a right of way for a power line from a hydroelectric plant to the city of Juneau. Previously, a line was built on a ridge-top and it all blew down in the inevitable 100 mile-per-hour wind and

wet snow. The locals warned the Army Corps of Engineers of the conditions up there. Private owners would have sold the timber and put the power line in its proper place to begin with. When we arrived on the job site, a guy in fatigues was running a chainsaw through dirt and rocks trying to cut out a three-foot diameter tree stump. All the while he was cursing the saw as a piece of junk. The teeth on the saw looked like BBs. The saw's fault? We scratched our heads. As hard as it is to imagine (to our government schooled minds), important jobs like power lines and dams should not be left to government. Government should only regulate to control force and fraud because spending someone else's money is too easy. Government has certainly failed to manage flooding; and not just on the Missouri River. I'm sure the call will go out that we need more government to fix the problems on The Missouri, when those problems were obviously caused by people expecting the government to "do its job." We will be reassured that reform will work this time; an old story. Think of a vision where the river was managed by an as-sociation paid by those who would benefit directly from good management instead

of taxpayers in New York or New Mexico who have no stake in the results and no right to refuse payment for bad performance. I know of a well-managed private lake that is a good example of this. Imagine if, as in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, private individuals (such as retired Navy Seals) were allowed to hunt down criminals like Osama bin Laden for a reward instead of conducting an 18 year, \$3 trillion war on terror. The benefits of privatization are so great it is almost beyond comprehension. It is time we abandon the failed strategy of taxing and throwing money at problems. The politicians who spend it all have one thing in common. Their greatest skill is getting elected. There is more than just religious doctrine in The Ten Commandments. Those rules would guarantee an orderly and peaceful society. Government regulation of the Missouri River violates the Seventh Commandment. The government did not earn the money used to regulate The Missouri so it was too easy to spend it foolishly. Any opinions on this column are welcome at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com or through a letter to the editor. The blog is updated almost daily at www.alternativebyfritz.com. Try it. You'll like it.



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Flooding in Iowa

Voluntary strategy for farms isn't working

Devastating flooding in many areas of Iowa is causing widespread pollution from industrial agriculture and adds to our long-term problem with water quality. We have over 750 waterways polluted with nitrates and phosphorus and subject to cyanobacteria blooms. Toxic blue-green algae thrive on the phosphorus and nitrate fertilizer run-off. As a result, Iowa is a major contributor to the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, has many state beach closings and water supplies with dangerously high nitrate levels. Our state's solution is the "Voluntary" Nutrient Reduction Strategy. The plan contains practices that farmers and landowners can implement to cut down on run-off, soil loss and lessen the amount of nitrate and phosphorus entering state waters. However,

the unfortunate truth is this strategy is not working because there is little participation. At present enrollment rate it would take 100 years to clean up our waters using voluntary measures alone. For all these reasons and more we support the lawsuit filed by Iowa CCI and Food & Water Watch. Voluntary is not working, and our legislature has failed to act on our worsening water quality. Corporate ag and those who profit from it will want to say this a fight between rural and urban, but the truth is everyone has a right to clean water. We need a moratorium on large-scale livestock operations until a mandatory nutrient reduction plan is in place. This may be the only way we finally realize a clean-up that the state promises but never delivers. - Rosemary & D.G. Partridge

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