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FMHA woes continue

BOWKER BOWS OUT: Commission chair resigns; second in three days



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Fort Madison Housing Authority Director Mike Dear thanks residents and staff for supporting him as he faces suspension from the Authority commission at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon at Hillview Village. No action was taken on the agenda item to suspend Dear, while a motion to suspend a maintenance staffer was tabled.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Another crazy twist in the saga that is unfolding at the Fort Madison Housing Authority came about Wednesday afternoon at a special meeting at Hillview Village.

Commission chairman Rebecca Bowker, who's been a part of the Housing Authority for 18 years, abruptly announced her resignation to the media following the adjournment of the five-minute meeting that was called to vote on suspending Executive Director Mike Dear and a maintenance staffer.

The two were on the agenda for a motion to suspend pending an administrative review. There was no agenda item for a closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(i) to discuss the subject of the possible suspensions.

Executive Director Mike Dear was in attendance and addressed an audience of about 30 residents, thanking them



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for their support and the support of the staff who was also in attendance.

Bowker said there would be no public comment due to the nature of the agenda.



DEAR

"Due to the nature of the meeting, we will not be taking public comments from anyone in the audience. We are just going to move forward with meeting," Bowker said.

"Due to recent facts that have come to light and the need for possible administrative action, these motions are brought before the board."

There was no motion offered to suspend Dear, but board member Jamie Carle made a motion to table the item. Board member Carmen Salazar seconded the motion. There was no discussion period following the motion and second and Bowker went straight

to a vote.

Carle and Salazar voted in favor of tabling the issue, but Bowker voted against the motion to table. With only two of the four current board members voting in favor of tabling it, Bowker said the motion to table failed, but the agenda item was never returned to.

Board member Jenny Divine was not yet on the meeting via Zoom, but the board had a quorum to start the meeting without her.

Divine joined the meeting after the first vote to table, and Bowker went straight to the next agenda item which was to suspend a maintenance worker pending an investigation into his hiring.

Carle voted again to table the issue and Salazar seconded that motion as well. That motion to table was approved 3-1 with Divine voting to table the motion, as well.

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IUB grants certificate to Alliant for Wever project

SOLAR FIELD: Order sites public convenience, use, and necessity of project

WEVER - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) today issued an order granting a certificate of public convenience, use and necessity to Interstate Power and Light Company, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy (Alliant), for a solar electric generating facility and battery energy storage system (BESS) project to be located in Lee County, Iowa.

Alliant filed its application on October 31, 2022, in Docket No. GCU-2022-0003 for a proposed solar generating facility totaling up to 150 megawatts (MW) and an associated 75 MW BESS project. The proposed project area consists of approximately 925 acres within a 2,685-acre area of agricultural land near the unincorporated community of Wever.

Alliant anticipates the project area will consist of the solar array system and associated electric generating equipment, with approximately five acres designed for the BESS project to be located adjacent to the collector substation. The solar project will connect to inverters, which will connect to a collector substation in the southwest corner of the project, and connect through a generation tie-in transmission line to the ITC Midwest LLC Wever substation. The BESS project will also connect to the collector substation.

The certificate will be limited to the 150 MW solar generating facility and the 75 MW BESS proposed by Alliant. Any increase to the total generation capacity or the addition of a storage facility, or transfer of the certificate to another entity, will require Alliant to file for an amendment to the certificate.

As conditions to the certificate, Alli-

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Above, the Bloodhounds' Eric Cornelis hands off to Brody Cashman in the second heat of the 4x100 at the Keokuk Relays in Fort Madison Tuesday night. Below, Central Lee's Grant Myhre tries to catch up with Burlington's Ladarius Shealey in the boys' 200-meter dash at Fort Madison High School. Myhre would finish fourth overall to help the Hawks to a sixth-place finish. The full story is on page 4.

Lady Hounds stacking wins as season picks up

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - The offensive outburst was quick and effective.

Fort Madison's 3-0 win over Central Lee in Tuesday's girls soccer match at the Baxter Sports Complex featured all of its goals in the first 14 minutes.

That was fine for Fort Madison coach Carrie Burken.

"We settled in really well," Burken said. "We had some good energy before the game. We were very loose — we were playing around, but also, we had a lot of energy. So that was a really good thing, the mindset we had going into this, and I thought we played really, really well."

The Bloodhounds (6-2), coming off a 10-0 win over Fairfield on Monday night, got their first goal from Laura Mehmert just three minutes into the match. Teagan Snaadt, coming off a six-goal night on Monday, scored 9 ½ minutes later to give Fort Madison a 2-0 lead. Halle Menke then closed the scoring with 26:06 left in the first half.

"I think having fun like we did last night, that sort of energy carried over to today, where you're playing with confidence, you feel good after getting 10 goals yesterday," Burken said. "So I think that really did lead into this game."

Central Lee coach Antonio Estrada was disappointed with how his team started.

"This game, I felt the girls came into this like, 'Oh, Fort Madison was going to beat us,'" he said. "I don't know if you heard me, but I talked to them about having the mentality of going into this thinking we can win the game regardless of what the stats are, or what the records

are, or what you've seen. We could do better, and I think we understood that."

The defense of the Hawks (3-3) kept the Bloodhounds in check the rest of the match.

"I think in the second half they made the adjustment to have more numbers back," Burken said.

"I talked to them about, when we were on defense, we can't get too far apart," Estrada said. "When they're attacking, we have to get tight. Because when we got too far apart, that's when they made their three (goals), and game's over then. So we tightened up the defense, made sure we were talking back there."

Central Lee had some offensive opportunities, but couldn't convert. Fort Madison goalkeeper Taylor Johnson had four saves.

"I think our defense did a really good job of communicating," Burken said. "And Taylor's done such a good job of communicating when she's going to get the ball, which just helps the defense. They don't have to feel the same pressure."

"I thought we were being lazy today (on offense)," Estrada said. "I told the girls, when we're attacking, we just can't watch the person with the ball do all the work. When we're attacking, we have to attack in numbers, because if we're not attacking in numbers, we're not going to have the opportunities to crash the goal."

Estrada said the match was a good lesson for his team.

"This game would have been a great game to record and look back on," he said. "I liked the way they performed in the second half. I think they didn't give up, they fought to the very end. And that's all I ask for."



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Sports

Lady Hounds 2nd, Hounds 3rd at Keokuk Relays



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Fort Madison freshman Avery Rump (front) and Addison Rump finished 1st and 2nd in the 1500-meter run Tuesday in Fort Madison. The Lady Hounds finished second in the Keokuk Relays which were hosted at Fort Madison due to work being done at Keokuk High School.

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High School ran a rare second home meet on Tuesday night hosting the Keokuk Relays. Construction crews are on the site at Keokuk High School prompting the move.

Fort Madison girls took second place with 104 points behind Mt. Pleasant's 189. Central Lee girls were sixth with 25 points.

On the boys' side Fort Madison was third with 93 points behind Mt. Pleasant with 173 points and Burlington with 115.33. Central Lee was fifth with 45.67 points.

The Lady Hounds got a first place in the 4x800 behind the efforts of Elle Huebner, Mara Smith, Addison Rump, and Peyton Wiegand with a time of 10:59.76.

Aija Jenkins also gave the Hounds 10 points with her 1st place in the high jump clearing 4-10.

Avery Rump pulled in 20 points with her top finishes in the 1500 and 3000-meter runs. Addison Rump set a personal best with her second place in the 1500 with a time of 5:22.29. Avery won the event in 5:08.23.

On the boys' side, Central Lee got a first place finish from Thomas Eschman in the long jump at 21-4.5. The Hawks got a second place finish with Eschman leading the way in the 4x100 along with Corbin Pohren, Brayden Wyrick, and Grant Myhre for a 46.26 mark.

Fort Madison's boys got first place finishes in the 4x200 with Tate Settles, Kiawante Smith, Nik Fullenkamp, and Dayton Lamar with a time of 1:34.79. The productive Shuttle Hurdle relay squad of Gavin Callahan, Smith, Adam Sobczak, and Henry Wiseman also took first place with a time of at 1:04.44.

Fort Madison's 4x100 team, which qualified for Drake this coming weekend, was disqualified for a false start. The Hounds run in preliminaries Saturday morning.

Eschman will jump in the long jump preliminaries on Friday afternoon.

Complete results of the relays are below with top five finishes in parenthesis. First place finishes are in bold.

100 meters: FM girls – Lillian Gelsthorpe 13.77, Jordyn Burch 14.38. Central Lee girls – MaKayla Howard 14.35, Kylie Fortune 14.57. FM Boys – Julian Dear 11.57 (4th), Tate Settles 11.69 (5th). Central Lee boys – Thomas Eschman 11.47 (4th), Corbin Pohren 12.05. 200 meters: FM girls – Rylee Steffensmeier 30.45, Emily Steffensmeier 31.41. Central Lee girls – Karlie Pohren 29.67. FM boys – Nik Fullenkamp 24.12 (5th) Kiawante Smith 25.24. Central Lee boys – Grant Myhre 23.85 (3rd).

400 meters: FM girls – Emma Kern 1:14.45. Central Lee girls – Gabby Maynes 1:17.41. FM Boys – Cade Packard 53.59 (4th), Peyton Lambert 55.09. Central Lee boys – Grant Myhre 52.12 (2nd), Aden Ross 56.95. 800 meters: FM girls – Paelyn Wiegand 2:48.77 (3rd), Emma Berry 3:12.93. Central Lee girls – Lillyan Azbill 3:33.20. FM boys – Nolan Guzman 2:08.06 (3rd), Evan Richmond 2:33.82. Central Lee boys – Grant Anderson 2:31.08, Will Hayes 2:36.29. 1500 meters: FM Girls – Avery Rump 5:08.23 (1st), Addison Rump 5:22.29 (2nd). Central Lee girls – Audrey Hand 6:40.18. 1600 meters: FM boys – Mason McLey 4:57.44 (3rd), Cameron Shutwell 5:26.03. Central Lee boys – Ward Fraise 5:21.00, Noah Gerber 6:37.86. 3000 meters: FM girls – Avery Rump 10:57.82 (1st). Central Lee girls – Hand 14:10.19. 3200 meters: FM boys – McLey 11:02.41 (3rd). Central Lee boys – Anderson 11:41.01. 100-meter hurdles: FM girls – Chloe Sokolik 18.41 (5th), Caralena Crooks 18.58. Central Lee girls – Allison Kerr 20.01, Abby Simmons 21.04. 110-meter hurdles: FM boys – Chandler Fullenkamp 18.02, Gavin Callahan 18.38. Central Lee boys – no entry. 400 hurdles: FM girls – Walz 1:20.80 (4th). Central Lee girls – Kamryn Cox 1:17.79 (3rd). FM boys – Thomas White 1:06.04, Kalib Heidbreder 1:19.80. Central Lee boys – Kegan Damico 1:02.03 (4th), Ethan Bergman 1:03.97. 4x100 relay: FM girls – Gelsthorpe, Burch, E. Steffensmeier, R. Steffensmeier 55.08 (3rd). Central Lee girls – Simmons, Sydney Larson, Kerr, Fortune 1:00.90. FM boys – False Start, Central Lee boys – Eschman, Pohren, Brayden Wyrick, Myhre 46.26 (2nd). 4x200 relay: FM girls – Gelsthorpe, Mara Smith, Aija Jenkins and Hai-ley Kemper 1:55.25 (3rd). Central Lee girls – Katherine Zufall, Saphire Cummings, Gracie Howard and Shalida Mortimer 2:28.15. FM boys – Settles, Smith, Fullenkamp, Dayton Lamar 1:34.79 (1st). Central Lee boys – Brendan Mulligan, Ferris, Kain Arrowood, Wyrick 1:43.00. 4x400 relay: FM girls – Wiegand, Sokolik, Crooks, Dayonna Davis 4:44.77 (5th). Central Lee girls – Kamryn Cox, M. Howard, Pohren and Kodi Moeller 4:37.94 (3rd). FM boys – Lambert, Guzman, McLey, Dane Butler 3:50.69. 4x800 relay: FM girls – Elle Huebner, Smith, Addison Rump, Wiegand 10:59.76 (1st). Central Lee girls – no entry. FM boys – Shutwell, Calvin Johnson, Noah Krogmeier, Richmond 9:39.35. Central Lee boys – no entry. 800 sprint medley: FM girls – Jenkins, E. Steffensmeier, R. Steffensmeier, Davis 2:04.99 (4th). Central Lee girls – M. Howard, Pohren, Moeller, Cox 2:08.76. FM boys – Henry Wiseman, Kane Williams, Fullenkamp, Packard 1:40.40 (2nd). Central Lee boys – Bergman, Damico, Ferris, Fraise 1:51.73. Distance medley: FM girls – Jenkins, Kemper, Addison Rump, Smith 4:57.28 (3rd). Central Lee girls – G.Howard, Cummings, Maynes, Sidney Gruntmeir 5:48.27. FM boys – Brody Cashman, White, Butler, Johnson, 4:12.14 (5th). Central Lee boys – no entry. Shuttle hurdle – FM girls – Sokolik, Walz, Crooks, Maleena Bentley 1:16.58 (2nd). Central Lee girls – M.Howard, Simmons, Kerr, Moeller 1:20.73 (4th). FM boys – Callahan, Smith, Sobczak, Wiseman 1:04.44 (1st). Central Lee boys – no entry. High Jump: FM girls – Jenkins 4-10 (1st). Central Lee girls – Fortune 4-6 (3rd). FM boys: Packard 5-10 (2nd), Lamar 5-10 (3rd). Central Lee boys – Bergman 5-4 (5th), Damico 5-4 (5th). Long Jump: FM girls – no entry. Central Lee girls – Gruntmeir 9-0.25. FM boys – Fullenkamp 19-0.5, Callahan 17-0.5. Central Lee boys – Eschman 21-4.5 (1st), Wyrick 18-3.5. Shot put – FM girls – Brylie Lorence 31-9 (4th). Central Lee girls – Aubrey Weber 25-8.5, Sydney Larson 24-8.5. FM boys – Caden Barnes 40-0 (4th), Thacher 37-1, Central Lee – Ostin Moore 35-10, Cam Thornburg 27-9.5. Discus – FM girls – Lorence 86-4 (4th), Central Lee girls – Weber 80-1, Larson 71-0. FM boys – Cory Arnett 115-9 (4th), Luke Hellige 111-7 (5th). Central Lee – Brody Fuller 110-5, Owen Krogmeier 78-4.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

Absent: Ron Fedler
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda, striking approval of setback waiver agreements and an amendment to the Joint Development Agreement with Alliant Energy. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for comments on the County's application for a Community Development Block Grant for the Lee County Health Department Building. Susan Coffey with Regional Planning was present to receive comments from the Board on what they are trying to do to make Lee County a better place for low to moderate income residents. The Board gave some examples. Health Department Administrator Michele Ross gave examples of what services the Health Department offers to those in that income level. At 10:20 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

Motion carried.
Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-47.

Roll call: Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye

and Seyb-aye.

Resolution #2023-47

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of Supervisors (hereafter County) needs to construct a facility in the City of Fort Madison, to house the Lee County Health Department, and;

WHEREAS, The County is in need of a new facility with adequate space for the LCHD, and;

WHEREAS, The County has low to moderate income individuals who need the services of the LCHD, and;

WHEREAS, The County intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to construct the new facility at 5001 Avenue O, Fort Madison, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of March, 2023, that the County intends to maintain the new facility for the duration of its useful life and will provide any required local match as part of the project and any awarded grants for the project.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to appoint Mark Long, Mark Klesner, Jason Dinwiddie, Scott Edwards, Kirk Nafziger, David Morgan, Denise Fraise, Tom Schulz and Matt Pflug to the Keokuk EMS Building Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve the First Reading of an amendment to the Pioneer Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-48.

Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

Resolution #2023-48

LEE COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

It is hereby resolved that as required by Iowa Code Section 12B.10 that the following are adopted as the Lee County Investment Policies. These policies may be amended from time to time after consultation with the Lee County Treasurer and the Lee County Attorney by a duly enacted resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

1. In addition to investment standards and requirements otherwise provided by law, all investment of public funds by the Lee County Treasurer shall comply with Iowa Code Section 12B.10. The County Treasurer shall at all times keep funds coming into his or her possession as public money in a vault or safe or in one or more depositories approved pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 12C. However, the County shall invest, unless otherwise provided, any public funds not currently needed, in investments authorized by Iowa Code Section 12B.10 and these policies.

2. When investing or depositing public funds, the County Treasurer shall exercise the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use to attain the goals of this subsection. This standard required that when making investment decisions, the County Treasurer shall consider the role that the investment or deposit plays within the portfolio of assets of Lee County and the goals of this section. The primary goals of investment prudence shall

be based in the following order of priority:

a. Safety of principal is the first priority.

b. Maintaining the necessary liquidity to match expected liabilities is the second priority.

c. Obtaining a reasonable return is the third priority.

3. The trading of securities in which any public funds are invested for the purpose of speculation or the realization of short-term trading profits is prohibited.

4. The investment of public funds by the Lee County Treasurer shall be limited to the following:

a. Obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities.

b. Certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved pursuant to Chapter 12C.

c. Prime bankers' acceptances that mature within 270 days and that are eligible for purchase by a federal reserve bank, provided that at the time of purchase no more than 10% of the investment portfolio of the county shall be in investments authorized by this paragraph and that at the time of purchase no more

that 5% of the investment portfolio shall be invested in the securities of a single issuer.

d. Commercial paper or other short-term corporate debt that matures within 270 days and that is rated within the two highest classifications, as established by at least one of the standard rating services approved by the superintendent of banking by rule adopted pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 17A, provided that at the time of purchase no more than 5% of all amounts invested in commercial paper and other short-term corporate debt shall be invested in paper and debt rated in the second highest classification, and provided further that at the time of purchase no more than 10% of the investment portfolio shall be in investments authorized by this paragraph and that at the time of purchase no more than 5% of the investment portfolio shall be invested in the securities of single issuer.

e. Repurchase agreements whose underlying collateral consists of the investments set out in paragraph "a" if the County Treasurer takes delivery of the collateral either directly or through an authorized custodian.

Repurchase agreements do not include reverse repurchase agreements.

f. An open-end management investment company registered with the federal securities and exchange commission under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 USC Section 80(a), and operated in accordance with 17 CFP Section 270.2a-7.

g. A joint investment trust organized pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E prior to and existing in good standing on April 28., 1992, or a joint investment trust organized pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E after April 28, 1992, provided that the joint investment trust shall either be rated within the two high test classifications by at least one of the standard rating services approved by the superintendent of Banking by rule adopted pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 17A and operated in accordance with 17CFR Section 270.2A-7, or be registered with the federal Securities and Exchange commission under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 USC Section 80(a) and operated in accordance with 17CFR Section 270.2a-7. The manager or invest-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ment advisor of the joint investment trust shall be registered with the federal securities and exchange commission under the Investment Advisor Act of 1940, 15 USC Section 80(b). Futures and options contracts are not permissible investment.

5. The investment of public funds which are operating funds by the County Treasurer shall be subject to the following:

a. As used in this section, "operating funds" means those funds which are reasonably expected to be expended during a current budget year or within 15 months of receipt.

b. Operating funds must be identified and distinguished from all other funds available for investment.

c. Operating funds may only be invested in investments which mature within five years or less and which are authorized by law for the county.

6. All investments of public funds by the County Treasurer shall be subject to the following:

a. Each investment must be authorized by applicable law and these written investment policies of Lee County

b. Each investment involving the use of a public funds custodial agreement, as defined in Iowa Code Section 12B.10C, shall comply with rules adopted pursuant to Iowa to Iowa Code Section 12b.10C relating to those investments. All contracts providing for the investment of public funds shall be in writing and shall contain a provision requiring that all investments shall be made in accordance with the laws of this state.

c. A contract for the investment of deposit of public funds shall not provide for the compensation of an agent or fiduciary based upon investment performance.

7. The County Treasurer may invest funds which are not operating funds in investments having maturities no longer than 8 years.

8. As used in these policies, "public funds" means all funds that are public funds within meaning of Iowa Code Section 12C.1(2)(b).

9. These written investment policies, and any subsequent amendments, shall be delivered to all of the following:

a. The Lee County Board of Supervisors.

b. The Lee County Treasurer.

c. The Lee County Auditor.

d. All depository institutions or fiduciaries for public funds of Lee County.

10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Lee County Treasurer shall invest all public funds coming in to his or her hands in depositories approved pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 12C. This restriction is intended to be a temporary measure during the development of additional investment policies and shall remain in effect until amended or superseded by a duly enacted resolution of the Lee County Board of Supervisors specifically referring to this section.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the March 6, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of Claims for the week. Motion carried.

The Board canvassed the March 7, 2023 Special Election, naming emergency services as an essential service. The results were Yes 1606 No 496. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to accept the canvass of the special election. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Kruse Bros. in Marion Township, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2023 and the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a SEIL meeting, the ISAC Spring Conference and the Building Study Committee meeting. Holmes reported on the Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting, a Workforce Development Board meeting and the ISAC Conference. Seyb reported on the ISAC Conference, a Keokuk Economic Development Board meeting and a Department Head meeting.

At 11:25 a.m. it was moved by Holmes,

seconded by Seyb, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison. Garry Seyb, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid March 14, 2023

ABC Fire, svcs.....	1425.00
Ace Hardware, splys	2.99
Agriland FS, Fuels	492.25
Airgas USA, svcs.....	70.58
All Pro Lawn, svcs..	200.00
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	11951.04
Altorfer, parts	2053.62
Amazon, splys	48.61
Animal House, mtrls	31.80
Aseptico, splys.....	22.50
AssuredPrtnrs, costs	3600.00
Augustine Cnstrctn, svcs	462.06
B&B Propane, splys	1187.44
Jim Baier, svcs	100.85
Ball Volvo, splys....	280.59
Bates Sntatn, svcs..	240.00
E Biddenstadt, exps	10.50
J Bogert, svcs.....	200.00
Bnd Tree Med, splys	4084.48
R Braden, svcs.....	80.00
Brightree Home, svcs	3263.50
Brookes Publ, mtrl	149.95
CenturyLink, svcs	86.81
A Cook, exps	51.50
M Cook, exps.....	269.00
Cullen Pest, svcs....	619.00
H Curtis, svcs	23.00
S Dittmer, svcs	243.60
Donnellson Tire, svcs	1692.00
EMSLRC, edu.....	230.00
B Fader, exps	117.50
Farm/Home, splys ..	15.54
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	70.00
FM Water, svcs.....	58.05
S Gray Rprtng, svcs ...	38.25
J Groen, svcs	15.00
Hall Excvtnng, svcs ..	540.00
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Discussion of County Owned Apartments and Possible Recommendation to Board of Supervisors
2. Other Business
3. Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting March 14, 2023 Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Hwy61 Montrose, IA 52639

1. Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Jacobs, Pawling, Risser Supervisor: Holmes

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Alton to remove the New Board Member Oath from the agenda as Emily Benjamin was unable to be present at the meeting and to approve the rest of the agenda

2nd: Patrick Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2023 Motion by Alton to approve the minutes

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

4. Public Input None

5. Approval of Bills Alton asked where the waterline break occurred, and Oldfield responded that it occurred at Wilson Lake near site 7 to the cabins.

Motion by Alton to approve the bills

2nd: Patrick Motion Carried

6. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Alton to approve the financial report

2nd: Patrick Motion Carried

7. Discuss and Take Action on Mary VanPelt Resignation

Huebner stated VanPelt no longer felt she could make the necessary commitment to the Board as her husband is in poor health.

Motion by Alton to accept Mary VanPelt's resignation from the LCC Board

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

8. Discuss and Take Action on Fish Habitat Grant Agreement

Huebner stated that LCC's Wilson Lake Pond Project received a \$38,737 grant from the Fish Habitat Stamp Committee for Phase 1

-Design & Engineering of the project. This agreement will allow LCC to receive reimbursement on funds previously spent on the project -engineering and the bat and botanical survey which should be complete in the summer.

Motion by Patrick to accept the Fish Habitat Grant Agreement

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

9. Discuss and Take Action on Camp Host Contracts

Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

Huebner stated the same 3 camp hosts from the previous year would like to stay on for the 2023 camping season.

Patrick abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Alton to accept the select Kayla Schleidt, Pam Patrick, and James Shoup as camp hosts for the 2023 camping season

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

10. Discuss and Take Action on Beach Admis-

sion Increase

Huebner stated that she would like to see the beach admission fee to increase to \$2 for the 2023 season to cover the cost of the concessionaire and build up funds to replace the rental boats, as needed. Huebner stated that this is still well below other area public swimming fees.

Motion by Patrick to increase the beach admission fee to \$2

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

Huebner stated that there would likely be increases to the concessions costs, as well, to ensure the cost of goods is covered.

11. Staff & Director Reports

Risser gave the EE report highlighting 69 youth programs, a successful Owl Prowl event with 33 participants, assisting with 3 area school science fairs, and completing Star lab training.

Oldfield gave the parks report highlighting

7 camping nights and completing park and equipment maintenance before the parks open in the spring.

Huebner gave the director report highlighting attending the ISAC conference, where she learned about new hiring strategies and more about Travel Iowa's tourism opportunities for CCBs; working on the budget with the Board of Supervisors and Auditor's Office, the Pollmiller Trail project is projected to

begin on March 20, the Wilson Lake playground has been installed, and several events are coming up-the Egg Hunt in the Prairie, Building Better Birders Workshop, Hunter Education course, and an Earth Day volunteer event. Huebner also highlighted various other groups she has become involved with through her position - the County Conservation Directors Association as the new secretary/treasurer, the Fort Madison Rotary

Club, the Fort Madison Tourism Board, and the Girl Scouts Property Development Committee.

12. Board Member Comments

None
13. Adjournment
Motion by Pollpeter to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

2nd: Patrick Motion Carried
Jim Patrick, LCCB President
Heather Huebner, LCCB Director

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Board will have to reset and take up action

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After that, Bowker adjourned the meeting. Dear asked if he was going to be able to speak but Bowker had adjourned the meeting.

After the meeting when asked about the administrative procedure of not revisiting the first agenda item, since only a motion to table the issue had been voted on, Bowker confirmed that vote to table had failed.

“That motion failed, and you can add that I’m submitting my resignation effective immediately,” she said.

Bowker then sent out an email confirming her immediate resignation at 3:27 p.m.

After the meeting, Carle and Salazar said they would be looking for guidance from the city going forward but would have to reset the board meeting and address the issues still pending.

“Well, she’s resigned so we’re going to have to get back together and appoint a new chair,” Carle said.

He said then the commission is going to have to address the two agenda items, because one was tabled and the other had no action taken.

Bowker is the second commission member in the last two days to resign. Linda Larkin who was just appointed to the commission by Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, resigned Monday.

Dear, who’s been with the authority for just over four months, said the issue had to do with him hiring a maintenance person with a felony record. But the authority bylaws do not require a background check for employees. They also give Dear hiring authority with direction by the commission.

The only bylaws the authority could uncover when requested Tuesday by Pen City Current are from 1972 when the authority was formed. The job description for Dear is currently on the city’s website, but is different than the description given by the authority.

Shirley Rende, a resident of Hillview Village, said Dear hasn’t been on the job long enough to be in a position where he understands the ins and outs of the housing authority.

“This man’s only been here four months. He can’t possibly all know the

ropes here yet. And I think they’re using him as (scape) goat. I think someone else’s involved and they are using him,” she said.

Dear said the support of the residents proves that he’s doing a good job and hiring and firing is at his discretion. Dear didn’t know Bowker had resigned after the meeting.

“Because of this right here. There it is... There it is,” Dear said of the support in the room.

“We’re going to continue operating as normal.”

Dear said what happened in the room spoke to his work so far.

“What took place in here speaks for itself. There was a narrative about me showing a man grace. A man who’s served his time. All of us have shown grace at some level. This individual I chose to hire. He did his time and got the help he needed, and I showed him grace. That’s what this is about. I don’t want that to be lost in the shuffle,” Dear said.

“I would do that ten out of ten times. If I could fall on that sword to show a man grace 10 times, I would do that.”

Commission members for the Housing Authority are appointed by Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and voted on by the Fort Madison City Council.

The Housing Authority was recently audited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The audit uncovered federal funds that had been used to pay for work on county-owned property.

HUD recommended the board end the contract for managing the county properties, which the board did at their next regular meeting.

Now the county owns and manages the properties, seven of which are in Fort Madison. County supervisors voted this week to look into the options around selling or gifting the property to another public or private entity.

The sale of the property could result in many of those getting housing assistance being displaced. But the issue has been placed with a county building committee that is going to discuss the issue Thursday at 3 p.m.



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Alliant didn’t use eminent domain

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ant is required to provide a report describing the final plan designs as soon as they exist, a flood mitigation plan, a glint and glare report, the completed road use agreement with Lee County, a report detailing the BESS interconnection, final project costs, and the final safety and emergency response plan for the BESS. The order also specifies that if the project is not completed within two years, the certificate will expire and Alliant will be required to submit a new

petition with the IUB.

The order acknowledges that all landowners approved and consented to the use of their land for the proposed project through voluntary easement agreements and Alliant did not seek eminent domain.

Documents regarding Alliant’s solar facility and BESS project are available for review in the IUB’s electronic filing system under Docket No.GCU-2022-0003.

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