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## Miller-Meeks secures funding



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The former Meller property that the Iowan Motor Lodge used to sit on could shortly see construction work for the Lee County Health Department/EMS bay. An additional \$2.5 million was announced by Mariannette Miller-Meeks' office Thursday.

### LOCALLY: LCHD/EMS project, FM sewer separation included in announcement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors got a bit of good news Thursday afternoon with Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks issuing a press release indicating additional funding for Lee County's proposed Health Department and EMS bay project.

Miller-Meeks' office released a statement indicating funding had been secured for 15 projects in the 1st Congressional District totaling more than \$28 million for her district in federal funding.

"I am extremely proud that the House passed a bipartisan funding bill that includes 15 community projects that will greatly impact Iowa's First Congressional District," she said.

"These initiatives range from investing in scientific and technical capabilities for future NASA missions, rebuilding our aging infrastructure in the state, and improving our wastewater facilities.

"Thank you to the countless local leaders for advocating for future investments in our community."

The funding also provides \$1.75 million for the City of Fort Madison for its work on separating the city's combined waste and stormwater sewers, which is a federal EPA mandate. That



MILLER-MEEKS



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funding release was put out about two months ago, but wasn't actually secured until Thursday.

Lee County has been developing plans and funding streams for the new Health Department and EMS Ambulance Bay for the past two years and hit a snag when they went to issue bonds for up to \$6 million to trigger \$3.6 million in federal and state assistance.

Currently, the county has secured a \$974,000 Emergency Rural Health Care grant from the USDA and a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant. They also have a \$1 million ARPA set aside for the project, and an initial commitment of \$500,000 from the North Lee County Community Foundation for a total of \$3,074,000. With Miller-Meeks announcement, that total now increases to \$5,174,000.

Supervisor Chuck Holmes, who sits on the community foundation board, said additional funds are projected from the foundation once the project is underway.

The county also has authority to bond up to \$975,000 without voter approval under the new property tax law.

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### CITY NEWS

## 8-year-old injured in Wed. accident

• Child struck after entering roadway between two parked vehicles on Ave. I

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – A Fort Madison girl was airlifted to an Iowa City hospital Wednesday evening with injuries sustained after she was struck by a vehicle.

An 8-year-old was struck in the 1200 block of Avenue I by a pickup truck suffering injuries that required ambulance transfer. At the scene, MediVac Air was called to transport the victim to Iowa City from the helipad at SEI Regional Medical Center's Fort Madison campus.

According to FMPD Chief Mark Rohloff, the girl allegedly stepped out from between two vehicles in front of the truck and suffered an apparent head injury

The driver of the truck has been cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian, but according to Rohloff, the charges could be dropped as the investigation continues.

Due to federal HIPAA rules, no condition reports on the girl will be made available.

## Sec. Pate launches voter process videos

DES MOINES – As part of National Civic Learning Week (March 11-15), Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has launched a new series of videos designed to give Iowa voters an in-depth look at Iowa's voting process. The video series will cover a variety of topics about Iowa's elections process, including voter registration, registration management, absentee voting, and more.

"We are proud of the fact that Iowa is consistently a top-ranked state in terms

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### WEATHER

FRI 08 Mar.....Rainy and cool, 54° F/ 34° F  
SAT 09 Mar.....Partly sunny and breezy, 46° F/ 27° F  
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### IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 03/06.....30 31 36 52 58, Powerball: 16  
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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### JAMES R. TROLAND

James Robert Troland, 75 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa and formerly of Galesburg, Illinois died Monday, March 4, 2024 at his home. He was born April 4, 1948 in Galesburg, a son of Charles and Phoebe (Bowling) Troland. He was a veteran of the United States



TROLAND

Air Force, serving over 20 years. He completed his career working retail management in Texas. In the past he enjoyed traveling, golf, and reading.

He is survived by two children: Todd Troland of Converse, Texas and Amy (Mike) Wallis of Keokuk, Iowa; one daughter-in-law Naomi Troland of San Antonio, Texas; one sister Lynne Kennedy of Azle, Texas; a niece and nephew, Tara Kennedy and Ty Kennedy; and close friends, Kathy and Rosie. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother-in-law Richard Kennedy.



No formal services are planned at this time. A special thank you to the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Home Health Care Team. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Troland family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

### Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

## OBITUARIES

### NORMA J. YALEY

Norma J. Yaley, 93, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 4:10 AM at the West Point Care Center, IA.

She was born on December 4, 1930, in Edina, MO, to John A. and Bessie England Wenke, Sr. On May 24, 1952, she married Darrell Dee Yaley; he passed away on January 8, 2001. Norma worked at Sheaffer Pen Co. in her younger years, and at Dana Bushong Jewelers, and lastly, at Hesse Men's Clothing Store. She was a member of Holy Family Parish. Norma enjoyed riding her four-wheeler and her 100 cc motorcycle. She also loved cleaning, cooking, and going on walks, and had bowled on the City League. Most of all Norma loved to spend time with her family and especially loved hosting them for all the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Survivors include three sons, Greg (Tammy) Yaley of Dallas City, IL, Bill (Chris) Yaley and Scott (Francis Hoenig) Yaley, both of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren, Carrie Pezley, Courtney Brown, Alex Yaley, Dillon Yaley and Ashley Cornick; and also Lane Hoenig and Danielle Hoenig; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, John Wenke of Topeka, KS, and Ronald Wenke of Cheyenne, WY. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers, and eight sisters.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, March 8, 2024, at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church, with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held in Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for PAW Animal Shelter or Holy Family Parish, and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
03/06/24 - 9:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

03/06/24 - 10:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Avenue D.

03/06/24 - 3:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

03/06/24 - 4:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

03/06/24 - 4:05 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 6000 block of Avenue O.

**Keokuk Police Report**  
03/06/24 - 12:56 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Franklin Street.

**Lee County Sheriff Report**  
03/06/24 - 12:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jordan Daniel Simpson, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue H, Fort Madison, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He

was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/06/24 - 2:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacob Alan Thompson, 29, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/07/24 - 12:37 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Douglas Alan McPherson, Jr., 43, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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## From the Front

# FM projects get boost

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The project also includes the value of land donated by the Glen Meller family to the county to be used for public good. The project will also carry the Meller family name on the building.

USDA officials have indicated that program funding package could now be enough to start to authorize the project to be put out for bids, without requiring the county to bond to show borrowing authority to finish the project in its entirety.

However, supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb is still being cautious as the appropriation has not yet been signed by President Joe Biden.

"I am very excited and appreciative of Congresswoman Miller-Meeks' community funding coming through to support the LCHD/EMS building," Seyb said.

"I believe it is now up to the Lee County Board of Supervisors to secure the additional \$800,000 in funding to make this project a reality. It is my intent that we move ahead with this project, keeping the Lee County taxpayers and interested groups like Lee County Farm Bureau, apprised of all funding mechanisms."

Farm Bureau board members executed a successful petition against the county borrowing the \$6 million construction bond without voter input. Supervisors on Monday halted the bond effort as a result of the petition. The petition would have required that supervisors put the borrowing in front of voters in November's general election.

The complete list of agencies receiving funding under the program is listed below.

1. \$2 million for the City of Mediapolis Wastewater Improvement Project.

2. \$2.1 million for the Lee County EMS Bay Improvement Project.

3. \$1.5 million for the University of Iowa Space Technology Innovation and Education Project.

4. \$1.75 million for the City of Fort Madison Combined Sewer Separation Project.

5. \$1 million for the City of Winfield Wastewater Improvement Project.

6. \$1 million for the City of Morning Sun Wastewater Improvement Project.

7. \$2 million for the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport (BRL) Airport Entrance Road Reconstruction Project.

8. \$2.5 million for the Jefferson County Fairfield and Libertyville Loop Improvement Project.

9. \$3 million for the City of LeClaire Wisconsin Street Reconstruction Project.

10. \$2 million for the City of Wilton 5th Street

Gateway Improvement Project.

11. \$2 million for the Warren County Highway G76 HMA Resurfacing Project.

12. \$3.4 million for the City of DeWitt East Industrial Street Extension Project.

13. \$2 million for the North Scott Community School District Regional Innovation Center Project.

14. \$1.08 million for the City of Oskaloosa Wastewater Improvement Project.

# Videos piggyback state's Civic Learning Week

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of election administration and voter participation," said Secretary Pate. "We are able to achieve recognitions like this because Iowans are highly engaged in Iowa's voting process. This video series allows Iowans to get really in the weeds in what our elections process looks like and understand all the layers to election integrity."

The launch of the video series is part of an ongoing effort to ensure Iowans turn to the Iowa Secretary of State as the trusted source of all things elections. Over the past few years, there has been a rise of mis-, dis- and mal- information spread among social media and news

sources. It is vitally important that Iowans understand Iowa's elections process and to stay alert for cases of false claims.

At the time of its launch, the video series includes 18 separate videos about Iowa's voting process. Additional videos covering topics like Election Day and the Tabulation Process will be released in the coming months. The videos can be accessed at [VotingProcess.Iowa.Gov](http://VotingProcess.Iowa.Gov).

Civic Learning Week is a nationwide celebration of civic learning that unites students, educators, policymakers, and private sector leaders. Learn more about Civic Learning Week at [CivicLearningWeek.Org](http://CivicLearningWeek.Org).

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## Sports

# Production at local fishing holes beginning to heat up

DES MOINES - The following is the Iowa DNR's weekly report of fishing activity around the state. The recreational fishing areas listed below are in the southeast part of the state.

### Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature is holding around 40 degrees most of the time. Channel Catfish - Fair: If you can be there when the wind is blowing into the dam, you can find a few catfish concentrated there looking to feed; use cut bait.

### Lake Belva Deer

Winds are limiting angler pressure. Water temperature is around 38-40 during the afternoons Black Crappie - Slow: Anglers are picking up a few crappies out from the beach when the wind allows them to slow drift with ice fishing jigs. Channel Catfish - Fair: Anglers are picking up a few catfish along the face of the dam using cut bait.

### Lake Darling

Water temperature is in the upper 30s. A few boats out on the lake; very little actual fishing pressure. Black Crappie - Slow: When the lake is calm, you can pick up a few crappies in the middle of the lake hanging around the cedar trees. Use ice fishing jigs tipped with minnows.

### Lake Geode

Getting more boat traffic out on the lake; mostly to get out on the water more than to catch fish.

### Lost Grove Lake

The wind is tough on this lake. Watch for ice on the boat ramps on colder mornings. Water temperatures are in the mid to upper 30s. Channel Catfish - Fair: When the wind is blowing into the dam or into the bays on the northside, using cut bait will give you a chance for some nice catfish.

For more information on the above lakes and rivers call the Lake Darling Fisheries

Office at 319-694-2430.

### Cedar River (Cedar Rapids to Moscow)

Sauger - Fair: Try jigs or live bait in deeper holes. Shovelnose sturgeon - Fair: Use crawlers in holes along deeper sandbars. Walleye - Fair: Try jigs or live bait in deeper holes.

### Coralville Reservoir

the lake level is 384 feet. No docks are in at this time. Black Crappie - Slow: Try bright jigs or minnows over deeper brush or rock ledges. Channel Catfish - Slow: A few fish are being caught on cut bait in the upper end of the lake and some wind-blown flats.

### Diamond Lake

The lake is ice-free.

### Hannen Lake

The lake is ice-free.

### Iowa Lake (Iowa Co.)

The lake is ice-free.

### Kent Park Lake

The lake is ice-free.

### Lake Macbride

The docks were being put in this week; slips are available at main and opie ramps. Water temperatures are in the low 40s. Black Crappie - Fair: Use minnows over brush/stumps in 10-20 feet of water. Bluegill - Fair: Try fishing stumps or rock piles in 8-12 feet of water. Walleye - Slow. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) - Fair.

### Otter Creek Lake

The lake is still empty due to the renovation project; the project is complete and the lake will fill as mother nature allows.

### Pleasant Creek Lake

The docks are in; a permanent loading slip is available at the main ramp. Water temperatures are in the mid40s. Fishing has been slow.

### Wapsipinicon River (Troy Mills to Oxford Junction)

A dredging project is in progress in the Pinicon Ridge backwaters. Walleye - Fair. For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.

### Hawthorn Lake

Try cut bait for channel catfish in areas with the wind blowing in.

### Lake Miami

Target channel catfish on the wind-blown shorelines using cut bait.

### Lake Sugema

Try cut bait for channel catfish along the wind-blown shorelines.

### Lake Wapello

Use cut bait to catch catfish on the wind-blown shorelines.

### Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 902.78 msl; recreation pool is 904 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels so make sure to properly drain, clean and dry equipment before transporting to another waterbody. Channel Catfish - Fair: Try cut bait on the wind-blown shorelines.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES  
KEOKUK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 15, 2024  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 15, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Greenwald called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, Mayor Mahoney was absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works

Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Sewer Manager Michael Clark and Bridge, Cemetery, Parks, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.  
MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of local events, additionally little league registration, and Presidents Day.  
CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Dorothy Cackley inquired about investment of city monies and funds for 18th Street from Miller Meeks.  
Motion made by Andrews, second by Tillman to approve the agenda as amended including the consent agenda. Item #13 was removed. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.  
• Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting

of February 1, 2024;  
• Minutes of the Council Budget Workshop of February 3, 2024;  
• Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for January 2024;  
• RESOLUTION NO. 16-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Lucky's Irish Pub & Grub, 528 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – effective March 3, 2024;  
• RESOLUTION NO. 17-2024: Approving a Liquor License for L. Treyns, 1108 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – effective March 15, 2024;  
• RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Hampton Inn Keokuk, 3201 Main Street, Class B Retail Alcohol License – effective March 20, 2024;

• RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024: Approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for:  
\* Aaron & Michelle McCann, #7 Cherokee Ln., single family dwelling  
\* Kristina Todd, 300 Boulevard Rd., garage  
\* Christopher & Nicole Gellatly, 3359 Middle Rd., garage addition  
• Appointment of Roger Whitaker to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, fulfilling a term to expire October 22, 2026;  
• Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5389-5390;  
Mayor Pro Tem Greenwald opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. on the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 general obligation Capital Loan Notes of the City of Keokuk, State of Iowa,

and providing for publication of notice thereof. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on February 6, 2024.  
No comments or objections were made, Mayor Pro Tem Greenwald closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.  
Motion made by Garcia, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024: "A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.  
Motion made by Garcia,

second by Andrews to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA, AND THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$2,251,240.54 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2024, AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.  
Motion made by Garcia, second by Andrews to

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approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 22-2024: "A RESOLUTION SETTING BID LETTING, PUBLIC HEARING AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOUTH 18TH STREET WATER MAIN RECONSTRUCTION." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 24-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING SLUDGE HAULING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK AND LCL FARMS." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 25-2024: "A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT WITH DANSCO CONTRACTING FOR THE TOLMIE BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,326.00." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024: "A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENTER IN AN AGREEMENT WITH PIPER SANDLER & CO." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Wills reported on WPC operations and EPA inspection; Broomhall updated on grant status; Carroll informed Rand Park will open the gates 2/16/24 and mold removal has begun at 212 Des

Moines building. Motion made by Tillman, second by Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting January 5, 2024

Virtual Meeting via Teams  
Lee County Conservation Center  
2652 Hwy 61  
Montrose, IA 52639  
Called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll call: Alton\_X\_Moore\_X\_Patrick\_X\_Benjamin\_X  
Staff Present: Huebner, Sestito

Supervisor: Holmes  
1. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Alton to approve the agenda  
2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
2. Discuss and Take Action on Lee County Conservation Board Meetings

Huebner stated that some Board members would like to have regular meetings at 5 p.m., instead of 4 p.m.

Motion by Alton to change the Lee County Conservation Board Regular Meeting to 5 p.m.

2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
3. Adjournment  
Motion by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

2nd: Alton  
Motion Carried  
Richard Moore Caroline Veihl  
LCCB President LCCB Secretary

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES GREEN BAY LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met

at the regular meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-op, Wever. Present were trustees Rick Kuntz and Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 26, 2023. Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. The river stage was 8.16. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Kuntz led a discussion on the recent insurance inspection. The district will need to fix issues at the pumpstation and house or insurance will be pulled.

Discussion was had regarding property that the district owns in Des Moines County after the river was straightened. A current owner would like to purchase the property, but trustees will need to go look at it first.

The levee inspection is complete while the pumphouse will be inspected December 4.

The upcoming district election will be held January 20, 2024 for District 3.

Discussion was had regarding the Nustar pipeline. The district has received the final bill from Klinger and will be reimbursed by the fertilizer plant.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$949,874.14 in the Operating Fund.

At 7:41 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonar. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING JANUARY 9, 2024

Board met virtually via Teams

Lee County Conservation Center  
2652 Hwy 61  
Montrose, IA 52639  
Called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll call: Alton\_X\_Moore\_X\_Patrick\_X\_Benjamin\_X\_Reed\_X  
Staff Present: Huebner, Sestito, Oldfield, Risser, Davis, Steele

Supervisor: Holmes  
1. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Alton to approve the agenda

2nd: Benjamin  
Motion Carried  
2. Oath of Office  
Caroline Sestito performed the Oath of Office for Jared Reed to join the Board

3. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2023 and January 5, 2024

Motion by Alton to approve the minutes  
2nd: Benjamin  
Motion Carried  
4. Public Input  
No public input  
5. Elect Board President

Motion by Alton to nominate Jim Patrick for Board President  
2nd: Benjamin  
Motion Carried  
6. Elect Board Vice President

Motion by Alton to elect Benjamin for Board Vice president  
2nd: Reed  
Motion Carried  
7. Review Lee County Conservation Bylaws

Huebner proposed that the Board remove section 7.1 because the staff does not use a petty cash fund. Alton proposed that they change the language to the staff's use of credit cards with limits instead. Huebner to come up with language for this to be approved at the next Board meeting.

8. Approval of Bills  
Motion by Alton to approve of the bills

2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
9. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Benjamin to approve the financial report

2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
10. Staff and Director Reports

Steele gave the education report, highlighting 33 classroom and public programs. He also mentioned Eagle Days coming up in January.

Oldfield gave the parks report, highlighting the sale of camping coupons and 36 cabin nights.

Huebner gave the director report, highlighting presenting the Board of Supervisors with the budget, the upcoming staff conference – Winterfest, and postponing the new Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors Program to the following week due to weather.

11. Board Member Comments  
The Board thank Moore for his time as Board President and welcomed

new member, Reed, to the Board.

12. Adjournment  
Motion by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

2nd: Benjamin  
Motion Carried  
Jim Patrick Caroline Veihl  
LCCB President LCCB Secretary

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## Business News/Scene Around the Area

# Memorial Hospital welcomes new health care workers

CARTHAGE – Memorial Medical Clinic Carthage proudly welcomes three new professionals, Mollie Sanchez, PMHNP-BC; Lindsay Brummell, LCPC; and Gavin O’Neil, LCSW, to the Behavioral Health team. The addition of these three team members will expand the ability to provide compassionate mental health care close to home.

Mollie Sanchez is a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC). She has been a registered nurse since 2012 and has experience in inpatient psychiatric care, emergency room, and outpatient behavioral health care. Mollie graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing from Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing in Peoria, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. Mollie’s clinical interests include children and adolescents with psychiatric symptoms, medication management, social and emotional skills, as well as maternal and perinatal mental health. Mollie is accepting new patients between the ages of 5 and 17.



Lindsay Brummell is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC). She received her Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Quincy University in Quincy, IL, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, IA. Lindsay has experience providing counseling services to a variety of individuals suffering from behavioral health conditions/disturbances in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Lindsay also has training in trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), as well as utilizes a collaborative/compassionate approach to foster hope, healing, and resilience. Lindsay is accepting new patients across the lifespan.

Gavin O’Neil is a Licensed

Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). He received his Master’s of Social Work degree from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho, and his Bachelor’s of Social Work from Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. Gavin has experience in community-based clinics, special education within school systems, and counseling and consultation services for behavior interventionists in behavior-specific programs in Idaho, Iowa, and Illinois. Gavin’s clinical interests include Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder, Anxiety, Depression, Behavioral Disorders, and Special Education. Gavin is accepting new patients between the ages of 3 and 20.

To learn more about Mollie, Gavin, and/or Lindsay or to schedule an appointment, call Memorial Medical Clinic Carthage at (217) 357-6888 or visit [mhtlc.org](http://mhtlc.org).



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Animal Science is an important aspect of the curriculum in the Central Lee agriculture program. Ivy Smith (standing left) Allison Gruntmeir (standing right) share information about their Supervised Agricultural Experience program of exotic poultry. Julia Fraise(L) and Nora Lampe(R).

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