June 15, 2020

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Kenneth J. Abrams and Mark Smeby present.

Electronic public access was made available by computer or telephone via Zoom.

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Stone, Abrams and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the June 15, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the June 8, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second Abrams, carried to approve Resolution # 2020-06-15.1

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT WORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD TEMPORARILY CLOSING KUENNEN'S QUARRY PROPERTY AND WORTH COUNTY LAKE PROPERTY TO THE PUBLIC Worth County Resolution No. 2020.06.15.1

WHEREAS, the Worth County Conservation Board is in charge of managing parks and recreational property located in Worth County, Iowa, including the property known as Kuennen's Quarry and that property known as Worth County Lake; and,

WHEREAS, the world is still experiencing the crisis of a pandemic from the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, both recreational areas have become an attractive nuisance bringing a much higher usage for both properties than has been experienced in the past; and,

WHEREAS, during the aforementioned pandemic, social distancing and safety precautions are called for and limits incorporating social distancing are being recommended by both the order of the Governor of the State of Iowa as well as recommended by the Worth County Nurse, Jessica Reyerson; and,

WHEREAS, the social distancing and safety precautions are not manageable at the current time and that social distancing restrictions are not being met and enforced voluntarily by the individuals making use of the recreational areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Worth County Sheriff and Worth County Conservation Director Jim Hanson have both recommended that Kuennan's Quarry be temporarily closed to address the safety concerns brought on by the large number of people congregating at Kuennan's Quarry and the potential that this group my migrate to Worth County Lake should only Kuennen's Quarry be closed; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Fank, Worth County Sheriff, Jessica Reyerson, Worth County Nurse, Mark Tomlinson, Director of Worth County Emergency Management, Mitch Hanson, Chief of Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, and James Hanson, Worth County Conservation department head, have all recommended that for the reasons above set forth, both parts should temporarily be closed until rules and procedures are put in place to allow them to be operated safely. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that they support and endorse the decision by the Worth County Conservation Board to temporarily close to the public commencing on June 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. Kuennan's Quarry and Worth County Lake.

A.J. Stone, Chairperson Worth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus Worth County Auditor

Dated this 15th day of June, 2020.

Ordinance 2020.06.15 to Prohibit Public Parking on Gravel Road 450th ST from East of Highway 65 until intersection with Pheasant Avenue was read. There was no public comment.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 2020.06.15.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Ordinance 2020.06.15 to Prohibit Public Parking on Gravel Road 450th ST from East of Highway 65 until intersection with Pheasant Avenue.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the preliminary plat of the Top of Iowa Second addition per the recommendation of Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the clerk of court's monthly report.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the cigarette license for Diamond Jo Casino.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:13 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, June 22, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus Auditor Aaron Stone Chairperson