

JULY 13, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Calamus Fire Department, Calamus, IA. Present were Supervisors Srp, Hamerlinck and Staszewski.

6:00 p.m. Discussion with Possible Action: Board of Supervisors to receive comments in regards to Land Enrolled in various Conservation Reserve Programs

The Board of Supervisors welcomed comments from the public in regards to land enrolled in various conservation reserve programs. Chairperson Srp introduced the members of the Board of Supervisors and thanked the Calamus Fire Department for providing the meeting place. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Clinton County Conservation Director Walt Wickham.

Wickham introduced members of the Clinton County Conservation Board in attendance and provided an overview of the Clinton County Conservation reserve programs and how they acquire land for their programs. He explained that the land purchased is not funded by Clinton County but rather through grants. He also explained why Conservation desires to purchase additional land in the Calamus area.

Srp then asked for public comment and questions.

Several residents expressed concerns about the amount of land being acquired by Clinton County Conservation. Major concerns were safety for the adjacent landowners where hunting is allowed and the amount of taxes lost from property being owned by Conservation. Residents would like to work together with Conservation on ideas for developing the additional land that is being purchased.

Local organization representatives commented in support of Clinton County Conservation acquiring more land for hunting and recreational activities. They stated that hunters and sports advocates spend money in the local communities in the area and feel the community businesses appreciate the purchases. The organizations will continue to raise funds to assist with the purchase of land, as they feel Clinton County Conservation benefits the entire population of the county, not just hunters.

Chairperson Srp thanked everyone for their comments and encouraged residents to attend Clinton County Conservation meetings so their concerns can be addressed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016, at the Clinton County Administration Building, Clinton, Iowa.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Daniel A. Srp, Chairperson

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County Auditor

Chairperson