

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL SESSION
MARCH 24, 2017**

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**THE
IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Iroquois County Board met in Special Session at the Administrative Center, in Watseka, IL on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 2 P.M. Chairman Shure called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Lisa Fancher to call the roll.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Special Session, March 24, 2017

Chairman Shure

On motion to call the roll

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bills, Bohlmann, Crow, Curtis, Hasbargen, Johnson, McGinnis, McTaggart, Offill, Shure, Stichnoth, Whitlow

Absent: Anderson, Coughenour, Krumwiede, Lamie, Pursley, Rayman

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Offill introduced Reverend Ronald Bogenschneider, Pastor of the Agape Fellowship Church in Watseka, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION

County Clerk Lisa Fancher read the call for special session.

To Lisa Fancher:

We, the undersigned members of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, do hereby request you to call a special meeting of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois to meet at the Administrative Center in the City of Watseka, Illinois on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 2 P.M. for the purpose of final vote on Farm Lease Contract.

s/Russell Bills

s/Chad McGinnis

s/Barb Offill

s/Gerald "Jed" Whitlow

s/Donna Crow

s/Troy Krumwiede

s/Ernest Curtis

s/Lyle Behrends

AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Offill and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The following minutes were not read at the full County Board meeting; however, the results of the bidding included in this report were acted on by the County Board at their March 24, 2017 Special Session meeting.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Special Session
March 24, A.D., 2017

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Management Services** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on March 24, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. Members present Lyle Behrends, Charlie Alt, Kevin Bohlmann, Larry Hasbargen, Sherry Johnson, Chad McGinnis, and Barbara Offill. Also present County Board Chairman John Shure, Finance Director Anita Speckman, ESDA Director Eric Ceci, County Board members Donna Crow, Ernie Curtis, Michael McTaggart, and Marvin Stichnoth, Iroquois County resident Jean Hiles, Wendy Davis with the Times Republic and County Farm bidders Dan F. Tordai, Daniel J. Tordai, Scott Young, Art Froehling, Keith Hethke, Kenton Carley with Carley Farms, Inc., Tim Bauer with Bauer Crops and Cattle, Jerry Walker with Walker Place, Robert Storm, Terry McTaggart, Richard McTaggart, Zach Borchers, Sam Martin, Steve Huls, and Doug Chandler.

The meeting was called to order.

There were no public comments.

Management Chairman Lyle Behrends spoke about the recent changes in the contract which include the following:

- Acreage, as verified through the United States Department of Agriculture, has been changed from 402.4 to 397.47.
- Lessee must report yields by field within thirty (30) days of harvest.
- Failure to fulfill this contract may result in Lessee being unable to bid in the future.

It was moved by Kevin Bohlmann and seconded by Barbara Offill to recommend the County Board approve the changes made to the County Farm contract. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Behrends proceeded to open the thirteen sealed bids received for the County Farm. They are as follows:

- Zach Borchers \$111.74/acre
- Steve Huls \$150.00/acre
- McTaggart Bros. \$170.00/acre
- Douglas Schmidt \$225.00/acre
- Hamrick Farms \$100.00/acre
- Dan Tordai \$250.00/acre
- Keith McTaggart \$238.00/acre
- Carley Farms \$190.00/acre
- Robert Storm \$150.00/acre
- Greg, Larry, Phillip Chandler \$250.00/acre
- Walker Place \$225.00/acre
- Bauer Crops & Cattle \$175.00/acre
- Art Froehling & Scott Young \$260.00/acre

Behrends explained he will allow bidders to raise their bids and then the meeting will recess for two minutes. Once the meeting is back into session, bidders will be allowed to raise their bids again.

With Art Froehling and Scott Young as the high bidder, Behrends allowed others to raise their bids. The bidding history is as follows:

- Steve Huls No raise
- McTaggart Bros. No raise
- Douglas Schmidt No raise
- Hamrick Farms No raise
- Keith McTaggart No raise
- Carley Farms No raise
- Robert Storm No raise
- Greg, Larry, Phillip Chandler No raise
- Bauer Crops & Cattle No raise
- Zach Borchers 1st raise - \$261.00/acre
2nd raise - \$276.00/acre
3rd raise - 300.00/acre
4th raise - 312.00/acre
5th raise - 318.00/acre
6th raise - 324.00/acre
7th raise - 347.00/acre
- Walker Place 1st raise - \$275.00/acre
2nd raise - \$328.00/acre
3rd raise - \$335.00/acre
4th raise - \$342.00/acre
5th raise - \$346.00/acre
- Art Froehling & Scott Young 1st raise - \$281.00/acre
2nd raise - \$290.00/acre
3rd raise - \$305.00/acre
4th raise - \$311.00/acre

5th raise – \$317.00/acre
6th raise – \$323.00/acre
7th raise - \$325.00/acre
8th raise - \$330.00/acre
9th raise – \$340.00/acre
10th raise - \$345.00/acre
1st raise - \$285.00/acre
2nd raise - \$306.00/acre

- Daniel Tordai

As discussed, a two minute recess was held between 1:11 P.M. and 1:13 P.M. Per proper bidding protocol, Behrends asked three more times for bid raises. It was moved by Chad McGinnis and seconded by Offill to recommend the County Board accept Zach Borchers bid of \$347 per acre for the County Farm. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

It was moved by Offill and seconded by Larry Hasbargen to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Lyle Behrends
Charlie Alt
Kevin Bohlmann
Larry Hasbargen
Sherry Johnson
Chad McGinnis
Barbara Offill

**DISCUSSION AND MOTION ON COUNTY FARM LEASE
&**

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN LEASE

(The Resolution, including the Lease or Exhibit A, has been recorded and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Behrends, Chairman of the Management Services Committee, informed the Board the 3 high bids from the Special Management Committee meeting were as follows: Froehling & Young-\$345 per acre, Walker Place-\$346 per acre, and Borchers-\$347 per acre. It was moved by Mr. Behrends and seconded to approve a Resolution approving the execution of a lease contract with Zach Borchers for the County Farm. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Special Session, March 24, 2017
Chairman Shure

On motion to approve Resolution No. R2017-8, a resolution approving the execution of a lease contract with Zach Borchers for the County Farm

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bills, Bohlmann, Crow, Curtis, Hasbargen, Johnson, McGinnis, McTaggart, Offill, Shure, Stichnoth, Whitlow

Absent: Anderson, Coughenour, Krumwiede, Lamie, Pursley, Rayman

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN LEASE

WHEREAS, THE County of Iroquois is the owner of certain real property known as the “Clifton Farm” and the “County Farm; and

WHEREAS, Zach Borchers has made an offer to lease said real estate for farming purposes, and the Iroquois County Board determines that the acceptance of said offer and execution of a lease with said person is in the best interest of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That the Chairman of the Iroquois County Board is hereby authorized to execute a lease with Zach Borchers, for the premises described above, the form of said lease being attached hereto marked Exhibit A and made a part hereof, effective March 24, 2017 through November 1, 2017.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of March, 2017.

s/John Shure

John Shure, Chairman
Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

s/Lisa Fancher

LISA FANCHER, County Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Bills and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote. The next County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, IL at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.