

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Meeting Notice

Tama County Board of Supervisors

Mon., Mar 3, 2025

Agenda Schedule

** Agenda is not printed in any particular order, only time specific items will be addressed at certain times

8:30 AM	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
	Approve agenda
	Public comments-This time is set aside for public comments on County business topics. To be recognized raise your hand or stand. After recognition by the Chair, state your name and address. You may speak one time per issue. If the comment is for an item not on the agenda, please understand the Board of Supervisors will not act on your comments at this meeting due to the Open Meetings Law requirements but may do so at a future board meeting by placing it on the agenda. The Chair and Board members welcome comments from the public; however, all comments must be directed to the board and not others in attendance; keep your comments germane; it is not appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. No personal attacks will be allowed. The Chair may limit each speaker to three minutes.
8:45 AM	Discussion/Approve 2/24/25 minutes
	De-appropriation Public Hearing
	Engineer-road projects report
	Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution 3-3-2025A Bridge Replacement Project BROS-CO86(116)--5F-86
	Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution 3-3-2025B Bridge Replacement Project BROS-CO86(117)--60-86
	Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution 3-3-2025C Dust Control Policy
	Discussion/possible action to approve the maintenance director to send out RFP's for cleaning services
	Discussion/possible action to approve the auditor submitting tax levy rates to the state to propose at the upcoming proposed tax levy public hearing
	Discussion/action to set 1st & 2nd tier canvass date and times for Gladbrook/Reinbeck School District Special Election
	Discussion/possible action to approve adding Tama County Auditor to Health Fund account
	Discussion/possible action to approve adding Tama County Auditor and Tama County Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to EMS Levy account
	Discussion/possible action on posting of VA Director/General Relief position
	Discussion/possible action to approve posting IT Director position
	Discussion/possible action to approve Tama County Economic Development withdrawl letter Accept & file with auditor letter dated 2-13-25 from Tama Soil & Water Conservation District RE: Tama County Land Use Plan-Land above 60 CRP 2 should be reserved for agricultural use only
	Discussion/possible action to approve legal counsel contract for IPIB complaint
	Discussion/possible action to approve opening Treasurer's Office at 9:30 am on 3/10/25 due to a staff meeting
	Discussion/possible action to approve the Sheriff to hire a deputy
	Discussion/possible action to approve appointment to Conservation Board
	Discussion/possible action on Proposed Changes to Tama County Land Use Plan-set hearings if needed
	Discussion/possible action to approve moving forward with exploring the possibility of selling land owned in connection with the county farm
	Discussion/possible action of hiring freeze exemptions
	Repeal motion to reduce/withhold funds transfer to the insurance fund for FY25
	Supervisor updates by district
	Discussion/approve claims
	Public comments
	Adjourn

Board of Supervisors Minutes
February 24, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. February 24, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public, and Sheriff Schmidt. 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel joined by phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Bill Faircloth, Karen Murty, and Richard Arp. Public comments closed at 8:35 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the February 18th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He also told the board that he is working on updating the dust control policy. Daleske also presented a Notice to Bidders for tearing down the old shop. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Notice to Bidders. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske then spoke to the Board about hiring for the open motor grader position out of the Traer shed. He stated he would like to offer the job to Brady Pearson. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve Daleske hiring Brady Pearson for the Traer shed motor grader position. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rohrs spoke to the Board and stated a public hearing date needs to be set for the proposed property tax notice. This is a new State requirement to allow residents to see what tax levies are doing for the next fiscal year. The hearing must be done as its own meeting. Notices will be mailed out to Tama County residents on March 14th. Rohrs recommended the Board set a public hearing date for March 31st at 8:00 am. This date should allow residents enough time to receive the mailing. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to set the date and time for the proposed property tax notice meeting for Monday March 31st at 8:00 am. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve posting the VA Director/General Relief position. Discussion: There was discussion on whether to post just the VA Director position and to wait posting the General Relief position and what the benefits of waiting to post the General Relief position would be. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board members had received calls from county employees voicing their thoughts on the severe weather policy. The Board discussed the severe weather policy again and would like to see a few changes made to the previous policy. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the

following severe weather policy: In the event of severe weather the County Auditor, as directed by the Board of Supervisors, may determine that it is necessary to close the courthouse or other County offices and facilities. If an employee's office is closed by the County, regular full-time employees scheduled to work during that time will be compensated at their regular rate of pay to complete their normal work hours.

For those departments that are unable to close. The employees that are required to be at work (Sheriff's Deputies, Jailers, 911 dispatchers and Secondary Roads Crew that are required to report) will be given 8 hours of BOS Bank that can be used at another time. These hours must be used in 8 hour increments within the same fiscal year that they are earned. Any hours not used within the current fiscal year will be lost. Discussion: Sheriff Schmidt asked if he had an employee come on duty within the 24 hours that the snow day affected that the employee be allowed to bank 8 hours. The Board agreed sheriff deputies, jailers, 911 dispatchers, and secondary roads crew requiring to be at work within the 24 hours of the snow day would get to bank 8 hours. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:00 am the Supervisors held a public hearing to vacate part of a road between 370th and 380th St. and Railroad Tracks in Salt Creek Township. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to open the public hearing at 9:04 am. Public comments: There were two landowners present to speak in favor of vacating the road. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to close the public hearing. Chairman Doland closed the public hearing at 9:22 am. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2-24-2025A

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at 9:00 am on February 24, 2025, in the office of the Tama County Board of Supervisors to consider the proposal to vacate the following road:

Commencing at the SW corner SE SE of Section 24-T82N-R13W, thence North 104 rods (1,716 feet) to the point of beginning, thence N65°30'W about 27 chains (1,782 feet), to the ¼ Section Line of Section 24-T82N-R13W, thence North about 10 chains (66 feet), to a point 0.5 chains (33 feet) North of the Railroad, originally established on September 2, 1867 (See Road Calendar Book B, page 64) all lying in Section 24, T82N, R13W of Tama County, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present, and

WHEREAS, no claims for damages were received,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that previously described road be ordered vacated.

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 24th day of February, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Chairman Doland removed discussing and possible action to approve a letter in response to an IPIB complaint that was received on 2/14/25. He stated the attorney is reviewing the letter and that he will be speaking with the lawyer tomorrow to discuss the letter.

Doland stated the Board is moving forward with the budgeting process and wanted the Board to have an opportunity to speak about deappropriating funds to departments in front of the public. He stated the Board can approve an amount or percentage to deappropriate and that some departments could cut 1% while other departments could do a higher percentage. He stated target cuts could be

the best. Some specific items to look at could be mileage, meals, and lodging, office furniture, school of instruction, and dues & memberships. Doland stated the county doesn't have extra funds right now. The Tama County Treasurer stated the best thing to do would be to look at next fiscal year's budgets and make cuts. She stated that the county has \$13 million in the bank and is not broke. She stated that the \$13 million is not able to be used because it is in other designated funds and not the general fund. She stated the Board needs to look at the ISAC salary comparisons because some Tama County department heads are making too much. The treasurer stated with the trend of spending being decreased and tax payments slowly coming in, the county will make it to the end of the current fiscal year and be able to pay back the loan that came from the general supplemental fund. Turner recapped the conversation by saying department heads need to continue to put the brakes on their spending and look at every penny. Doland stated that the Board will be holding a budget work session today at 10:00 am to continue working on the 2026 fiscal year budget. No action was taken.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$ 101,300.67. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Richard Arp, Karen Murty, Bill Faircloth, and Michelle Schroeder. Public comments closed at 9:49 am.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:49 am.

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.

Tama County Board of Supervisors - Weekly Engineer's Office Report

March 3rd, 2025

We did some rock hauling this past week on P avenue (Long point Area), F Ave (South of Garwin), and S Ave (Near Clutier). We also hauled some sand for our mix shed in Traer.

We had a letting last week for a bridge project on S Ave and a culvert project on E43.

Project	Estimate	Low Bid
BROS-C086(116)--5F-86	\$460,034.00	\$479,993.20
BROS-C085(117)--60-86	\$360,024.00	\$425,894.18

I have a resolution for adding back self-application to our dust control policy. Also added was a fee for each dust control permit.

RESOLUTION 3-3-2025A

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Bridge Replacement Project: BROS-C086(116)--5F-86, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Tama, Iowa, and the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Tama County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$479,993.20 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Ben Daleske PE, the County Engineer for Tama County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

CONTRACT

2/25/2025 10:56 AM

Letting Date: February 18, 2025

Contract ID: 86-C086-116

Call Order: 021

County: TAMA

Project Engineer: TAMA COUNTY

Cost Center: 801000

Object Code: 890

DBE Commitment: \$14,500.00

Contract Work Type: BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS

This agreement made and entered by and between the Contracting Authority,

TAMA COUNTY

and Contractor,

PETERSON CONTRACTORS INC. (PE320)

City: REINBECK

State: IA

It is agreed that the notice and instructions to bidders, the proposal filed by the Contractor, the specifications, the plan, if any, for project(s) listed herein, together with Contractor's performance bond, are made a part hereof and together with this instrument constitute the contract. This contract contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto.

Contractor, for and in considerations of \$ 479,993.20 payable as set forth in the specifications constituting a part of this contract, agrees to construct various items of work and/or provide various materials or supplies in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore, and in the locations designated in the Notice to Bidders.

Contractor certifies by signature on this contract, under pain of penalties for false certification, that the Contractor has complied with Iowa Code Section 452A.17(8) as amended, if applicable, and Iowa Code Section 91C.5 (Public Registration Number), if applicable.

In consideration of the foregoing, Contracting Authority hereby agrees to pay the Contractor promptly and according to the requirements of the specifications the amounts set fourth, subject to the conditions as set forth in the specifications.

It is further understood and agreed that the above work shall also be commenced or completed in accordance with Contract Time of this Contract and assigned Notes.

To accomplish the purpose herein expressed, the Contracting Authority and Contractor have signed this instrument.

For Federal-Aid Contracts the Contractor certifies that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the contract.

Contract Prepared by
Contracts and Specifications Bureau

Contract Project(s)

Contract ID: 86-C086-116	Call Order: 021	Letting Date: February 18, 2025
Project Number: BROS-C086(116)--5F-86	County: TAMA	
Project Work Type: BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS		
Location: On S AVE, Over BRANCH WOLF CREEK, S6 T85 R13		
Route: S AVE		
Federal Aid - Predetermined Wages are in Effect		

Contract Prepared by
Contracts and Specifications Bureau

Contract Time

Contract ID: 86-C086-116 Call Order: 021 Letting Date: February 18, 2025

Site ID	Site Details			Liquidated Damages
00	Late Start Date	07/21/2025	70 WORK DAYS	\$1,000.00

(*) - Indicates Cost Plus Time Site. See Schedule of Items for Cost Per Unit

RESOLUTION 3-3-2025B

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Bridge Replacement Project: BROS-C086(117)--60-86, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Tama, Iowa, and the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Tama County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC in the amount of \$425,894.18 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

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CONTRACT

2/25/2025 10:56 AM

Letting Date: February 18, 2025

Contract ID: 86-C086-117

Call Order: 022

County: TAMA

Project Engineer: TAMA COUNTY

Cost Center: 801000

Object Code: 890

DBE Commitment: \$13,000.00

Contract Work Type: RCB CULVERT REPLACEMENT - TWIN BOX

This agreement made and entered by and between the Contracting Authority,

TAMA COUNTY

and Contractor,

IOWA BRIDGE & CULVERT, L.C. (IO081)

City: WASHINGTON

State: IA

It is agreed that the notice and instructions to bidders, the proposal filed by the Contractor, the specifications, the plan, if any, for project(s) listed herein, together with Contractor's performance bond, are made a part hereof and together with this instrument constitute the contract. This contract contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto.

Contractor, for and in considerations of \$ 425,894.18 payable as set forth in the specifications constituting a part of this contract, agrees to construct various items of work and/or provide various materials or supplies in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore, and in the locations designated in the Notice to Bidders.

Contractor certifies by signature on this contract, under pain of penalties for false certification, that the Contractor has complied with Iowa Code Section 452A.17(8) as amended, if applicable, and Iowa Code Section 91C.5 (Public Registration Number), if applicable.

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Contract Prepared by
Contracts and Specifications Bureau

Contract Project(s)

Contract ID: 86-C086-117	Call Order: 022	Letting Date: February 18, 2025
Project Number: BRS-C086(117)--60-86	County: TAMA	
Project Work Type: RCB CULVERT REPLACEMENT - TWIN BOX		
Location: On E 43, Over BR IOWA RIVER, S11 T83 R15		
Route: E43		
Federal Aid - Predetermined Wages are in Effect		

Contract Prepared by
Contracts and Specifications Bureau

Contract Time

Contract ID: 86-C086-117 Call Order: 022 Letting Date: February 18, 2025

Site ID	Site Details			Liquidated Damages
00	Late Start Date	08/04/2025	60 WORK DAYS	\$1,000.00

(*) - Indicates Cost Plus Time Site. See Schedule of Items for Cost Per Unit

RESOLUTION 3-3-2025C

Tama County Dust Control Policy

WHEREAS, vehicle traffic on rock roads stirs up dust that is undesirable to many individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Tama County Board of Supervisors desires to allow certain approved vendors or individuals to apply dust control on rock roads in the county,

WHEREAS, Chapter 318 of the Code of Iowa specifies a permit issued by the appropriate jurisdiction is required before work is performed by parties other than the jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, Tama County's responsibility to the motorist takes priority over an individual's desire to reduce dust,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tama County Board of Supervisors establish the following rules for dust control. These rules shall hereinafter be referred to as the Tama County Dust Control Policy.

TAMA COUNTY DUST CONTROL POLICY

March 3rd, 2025

- The interest of motorists to have a well-maintained road takes priority over the interest to suppress dust.
- Chapter 318 of the Code of Iowa specifies a permit must be issued by the appropriate jurisdiction before work is performed by parties other than the jurisdiction. A permit to place dust control (obtainable from the County Engineer's Office) will be required each year. There will be no deadline to acquire the permit, but the permit will expire October 15th each year.
- The permit will state the method of dust control. Specifically allowed methods include calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and lignosulfonates. Other methods require specific approval. Note that the use of used motor oil is specifically banned by federal regulations. Any unauthorized material placed on the road will be removed.
- Vendors wishing to apply dust control must obtain approval annually. No dust control will be allowed unless prior approval has been given. There will be a \$50 fee per customer listed. Fees will be collected by the vendor directly and paid to Tama County. The vendor must provide a check payable to "Tama County Engineer." This check must be received by Tama County no later than September 1st of the current dust control season.
- Individuals wishing to apply their own dust control must obtain pre-approval and a \$50 permit from Tama County Engineer's Office. No dust control will be allowed unless prior approval has been given. An application to apply your own dust control may be obtained in the Engineer's office.
- All vendors and individuals applying dust control will supply Tama County with a **certificate of insurance naming Tama County as an additional insured**. The correct certificate must be provided before the permit will be approved. The required limits are as follows:

General Liability

• Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
• Personal & Adv Injury	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	
• Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Liability	
• Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- Dust control will not be placed prior to May 15th, unless authorized by Tama County. Soft road conditions in the spring may cause Tama County to restrict placement to a later date. Each vendor or individual will provide Tama County with their desired application date at least three (3) weeks prior to placement of dust control.
- Most dust control products are placed twice in a season. A separate permit is not required for the second application in the season, but the same three (3) weeks' notice must be provided for the second application to allow Tama County to prepare the road.
- A permit obtained by a vendor may cover all of their customers. A typed list with their customers will be supplied to Tama County. The list may be provided after the application is received, as long as it is received by 8:00am at least three (3) weeks prior to their selected first application date. The list will show:
 - Name of the individual the dust control is serving.
 - Location (township, section and E911 address).
 - Length of application.
- After the dust control list is received, there will be a two-week grace period where add-ons will be accepted for a fee. Each add-on will incur an additional \$25.00 fee to be collected by the vendor and paid to Tama County. For any add-ons, a complete list must be received by 8:00am one (1) week prior to the selected application date.
- Any additional requests received outside of the two-week grace period may be approved on a case-by-case basis only. This must be authorized by Tama County and may be denied. Each request will incur an additional \$100.00 fee to be collected by the vendor and paid to Tama County.
- The vendor must provide a check payable to "Tama County Engineer" for any add-ons that were accepted. This check must be received by Tama County no later than September 1st of the current dust control season.
- Each dust control section shall be measured and marked by the individual or vendor. The location shall be marked with four visible flags at all corners of the dust control area. The flags shall be placed at least three (3) weeks prior to application of dust control. Flags will be supplied by the vendor or individual (vendors may place a supply of flags at the Tama County Engineer's office or shops to aid in distribution). Flags must be left in place for the duration of the dust control to help the blade operator identify the section. Failure to keep the flags up may result in the dust control section being bladed in a way that makes it significantly less effective.

- If given proper notice, Tama County will review the sections and determine the need for blading or additional rock prior to placement of the dust control. Failure to provide ample notice may result in poor performance of the dust control section and will likely require the dust control section to be obliterated. Tama County may blade through dust control sections prior to the second application each season.
- Dust control sections must be kept free of potholes. Individuals may collect granular material from the surface of the surrounding road to place in the potholes.
- Tama County reserves the right to blade through improperly performing sections or those not maintained by the individual. Tama County will try to schedule blading of dust control sections to coincide with fresh moisture, which helps preserve the effectiveness of the product.
- Dust control sections may be bladed through starting October 15th each year. Tama County may leave well-maintained sections intact until November 1st if fall weather conditions are favorable.
- The applicant shall assume full responsibility for any and all liability resulting from dust control material placed upon the public highway.
- Tama County will place and pay for dust control in the following instances:
 - Establishment of a detour for the paved road system expected to last more than 2 weeks.
 - Improperly blading through an existing dust control section.
 - A mandate by federal or state regulation.
 - Specific roads deemed necessary by the County Engineer.
- Tama County will not pay for dust control in the following instances:
 - Detours for road work on the rock road system.
 - Blading through an existing dust control that is improperly flagged or for which proper notification was not received.
 - Blading through a section improperly placed that is creating a hazard or causing damage to traffic.
 - Blading through a section that is not properly maintained.
 - Blading through a section prior to second application or at the end of the season.

Vendors shall issue the following statement to each of their customers:

“Tama County allows the placement of dust control on rock roads. The interest of motorists to have a well-maintained road takes priority over the interest to suppress dust. Dust control sections may be bladed through starting October 15th and may be bladed through at any time if the condition of the road impedes traffic. Preserve your dust control by keeping it properly marked and by filling potholes with rock. Tama County’s Dust Control Policy can be found on the county’s website.”

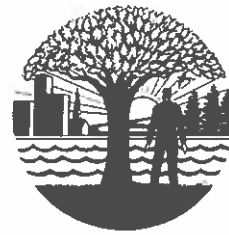
TAMA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

102 Business Highway 30 West

Toledo, Iowa 52342

Phone 641-484-2702, extension 3

www.facebook.com/TamaSWCD



Mission Statement: The mission of the Tama Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide to all citizens technical, financial and educational services for the conservation and wise use of all natural resources within Tama County.

February 13, 2025

Tama County Board of Supervisors

104 W. State Street

Toledo, IA 52342

Tama County Zoning Commission

104 W. State Street

Toledo, IA 52342

Supervisors and Commission Members:

At its February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting, the Tama Soil & Water Conservation District board voted to reaffirm Paragraph 1 in the Tama County Land Use Plan dated February 4, 1986 stating Tama County land above 60 Corn Suitability Rating 2 should be reserved for agricultural uses only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack Boyer', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jack Boyer, Chair

Tama Soil & Water Conservation District

cc: Zoning

1-23-1996

FROM TAMA COUNTY AUDITOR SIS 5127

10:39AM

Proposed changes by Tama County Zoning Board are in red, Dated 02-26-2025
TAMA COUNTY LAND USE PLAN

TAMA COUNTY LAND USE COMMISSION

I. We would discourage the use of prime agricultural land for anything other than agricultural production, generally this would be land with a corn suitability rating (CSR2) of more than 60. reference the Iowa State University Publication Pm 1168, October 1984. There is adequate land available in Tama County with an average CSR2 of less than 60 for non-agricultural uses. Reference Appendix I Land Use Inventory.

2 . Marginal Land that is in row crop production should be protected from excessive erosion and degradation by all possible means. In severe cases, fragile land should be removed from production and seeded to grass. Before marginal land is brought into production, owners and operators should be made aware of the consequences. We recommend an environmental impact statement be filed on any marginal land brought into production. Soil loss limits as specified by the Soil Conservation Service, should be incorporated into the zoning laws.

The County Supervisors should provide incentives to protect land of this type and deny aid from all county land use programs to all owners and operators who are responsible for land degradation. We recommend that the supervisors continue to allocate funds for protecting ditches and culverts.

Coordination should be maintained with all agencies, FmHA, ASCS. Soil Conservation District Commissioners, and Extension Service to assure continued educational programs and support.

3 . All zoning laws and ordinances of the County Zoning Commission should also coordinate with land use preservation

goals.

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Tama County Land Use Plan

Before zoning variances are issued, the Tama County Planning and Zoning commission should be consulted.

4 The county land use plan gives a high priority to maintaining shelter belts in all parts of the county and especially those areas that are prone to erosion. We recommend that the ASCS and others continue to support ACP funds for shelter belts and wildlife habitat utilizing input from the Iowa Conservation Commission.

5. A particular area that will become more critical in the future will be water supply and aquifers. Potential for pollution has increased greatly with advances in agricultural technology and increased sewage treatment demands of populated areas. Non-point source pollution (soil erosion) will aggravate this problem. All reported abandoned wells and drainage wells, see appendix I? for list, should be inspected and monitored. All possible precautions should be taken to protect the water supply of Tama County. We advocate for cover crops with their positive impact on water quality. Also, the use of bioreactors and saturated buffers have a tremendously positive impact on water quality and should be advocated where needed.

6. All abandoned wells, current and future, should be identified, marked, and capped to keep pollutants from any source to an absolute minimum. Capping should be done under the supervision of the county sanitarian.

Care should be taken in those areas that are particularly prone to pollution to assure minimal wash into servicing wells.

New well casings should be brought above ground. Educational programs should be pursued in the area to provide awareness.

7. Land fill areas should have all necessary precautions taken to reduce chances of toxic chemicals from being absorbed into the soil. The present practice of not allowing any pesticide containers to be buried in the land fill should be continued. We recommend a zoning ordinance that pesticide containers not be disposed of in

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Tama County Land Use Plan any form that would pollute the water supply. Proper disposal areas for pesticide containers should be publicized and proper disposal programs should be required.

8 The practice of stream straightening in Tama County should **not be allowed. Filter strips should be strongly encouraged along running water.** We recommend a zoning ordinance that requires any stream straightening in the county to be approved by the county engineer and the Soil Conservation Service. This would include those streams in an agricultural area.

9. Ditch spraying and mowing on county roads should be limited to areas where noxious weeds have become a problem. General spraying in ditches should be limited.

10. Mineral development in Tama County should be undertaken *with a great deal of care and restraint- All quarries of mineral removal sites should be reclaimed to the fullest possible extent with assurances made to reduce water pollution. We recommend that the county conservation board be given the authority to regulate the environmental impact of extraction and reclamation. New quarries and expansion of existing quarries must be scrutinized

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to determine environmental impact and degradation of natural land marks.

11. Building sites in rural areas should be clustered to minimize impact to prime agricultural land and county road building and maintenance. Resident building sites in good cropland (an average CSR2 above 60) should be discouraged by raising acreage requirements to 40 acres. Areas for building should be limited to marginal land with low corn suitability ratings. The area necessary to build a home should be reduced to 2 acres to promote building in an environmentally acceptable manner. County road needs should be assessed at any building site before construction of any residence.

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12. Any pipeline or transmission line must concur with the Tama County Land Use Plan and be accomplished with a minimum risk to Tama County resources and agricultural productive capacity.

13. Historical areas of the county should be protected from destruction and encouraged to be preserved as part of the County Park Systems, as managed by the County Conservation Board and/or the Tama County Historical Society. Preservation of historical areas and donations of private properties to the Historical Society for future generations is to be encouraged-

Appendix

1 Inventory of Land use in Tama County

11 Listing of Abandoned Wells and Drainage Wells