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July 13, 2020

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met with the Cedar County Conservation Board on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar County Courthouse in the large meeting room with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul, and Kaufmann. Chairperson Agne was absent. The following Conservation Board members present: Steinhagen, Driscoll, and Jackson.

Chairperson Jackson called the meeting to order. Jackson informed the County Board of Supervisors the Conservation Board is suggesting to sell the Pioneer Park. The park is officially owned by Cedar County therefore, the Board of Supervisors would have to agree to this decision. Director Dauber provided the history of Pioneer Park. He also stated that following facts: the park is not in the 5-year Conservation Plan, the park does not have a standard shelter, it is 10 miles from the nearest mowing facility and it takes one hour to mow and one hour to weed eat for two employees. Bickford has expressed interest in the property on behalf of the church. Dauber has inquired to Assistant County Attorney Blank and he stated the county can not give the property to the church but they can sell the property. Blank also informed Dauber that the asbestos in the shelter will need to be removed and septic will need to be filled in before the transfer of property can be completed. Dauber informed the boards that the asbestos has been removed and he is waiting for a call back from Lynch on the septic. Sup. Kaufmann expressed his concern regarding selling the property, specifically the potential of an out of county resident purchasing it. Sup. Bell mentioned the process of the county selling the Old Jail. Further discussion was held. It was the general consensus of both boards that there are two options. Either the citizens of Downey could form a committee or the property would be sold by sealed bids. Auditor Dauber will research and will forward the information to the Conservation Board.

The board left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Jeff Kaufmann, Pro-Tem Chairperson