

SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HARRISON, NEBRASKA

April 14, 2025

The Sioux County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Sioux County Courthouse on April 14, 2025 at 10:05 a.m. with the following present: Commissioners Josh Skavdahl, Hal Downer and J.W. Geiser. County Clerk Michelle Zimmerman was also present. Reference was made to the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room. Motion made by Geiser seconded by Downer to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Skavdahl yes; Geiser, yes. Motion carried. Also present were Nick Sanderson, Noel Santistevan, Eric McCoy, Dan Jordan and LeAnne Skavdahl.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited, Josh Skavdahl led the meeting in prayer.

County Attorney Edmund discussed the options on how to proceed with the weed department. The duties can be merged into the road department, or the department can be operated as it has been in the past. State statute requires counties have a certified weed superintendent. Road Superintendent Jim Phipps stated that he and four other road department employees are currently certified. Morrill and Scottsbluff Counties have merged the two departments. Additional compensation and budgeting issues were discussed. Nick Sanderson advised the board that it's not just spraying rights-of-ways. Some counties have tried merging, but it didn't work. Enforcing the Nebraska Weed Control Act is the number one priority.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to appoint Jim Phipps interim Weed Superintendent. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Geiser, seconded by Downer to advertise for a road/weed employee. On roll call vote, Downer, yes; Geiser, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Downer, seconded by Geiser to advertise for a weed superintendent. On roll call vote, Geiser, yes; Downer, yes; Skavdahl, yes. Motion carried.

A note of resignation from Pepper Dodge was received.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

/s/Joshua Skavdahl
Chairman of the Board

/s/Michelle J. Zimmerman
Sioux County Clerk