

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 10:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Oleson and Supervisor Walker. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

The Board met to discuss and decide on issues related to county damages from the storm of August 10, 2020 as follows:

- Communication with secondary roads and the public regarding life-saving, road-clearing hazards that need to be taken care of immediately.
- Landfill Site 1 and Site 2 are open to receive organic debris. Non-organic debris is to go to Site 2. These materials should be separated.
- Dows property damage. Barn is destroyed and doing a damage assessment. Squaw Creek Park is destroyed from an ecological standpoint. They are waiting on damage assessments.
- Rural burning
- Rural residents should work with their insurance companies regarding rural areas. This should be handled privately and organized to haul away.
- There is no Presidential Disaster Declaration which means no FEMA money is available yet.
- Secondary Roads is focused on lifesaving efforts clearing routes for ambulance, etc.) Alliant will handle their side, but until then, the county cannot act. People should call private haulers and save receipts if there is a future proclamation.
- Linn County employees should contact their private insurance companies regarding insurance. Homeowners insurance can cover quite a bit of this.

Motion by Oleson, seconded by Rogers to call on the Governor to request a formal Presidential Declaration for Linn County.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., stated that he is waiting to find out if a secondary contractor could assist with further clearing.

Discussion continued regarding presidential declaration that would unlock funding, it allows for individual assistance. Residents should save their receipts.

Steve Estenson, Risk Manager, explained the process. They must assess the damage, figure out the ballpark cost, ask the federal government for support, Congress approves, then it trickles down with rules, guidelines, money, etc. It takes awhile.

Supervisor Oleson stated that they will need a resolution to direct the County Engineer to use his resources for specific townships.

Adjournment at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors