

Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission – June 18, 2021

At 8:00 a.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Dennis Ova, Ramone Gumke, Joan Morris, Steven Cichos and Mark Klose answered the roll call.

The following were in attendance: Mike Severson, Barnes County North Superintendent, Brian Paulson, Jamestown Rural Fire Department Chief, John Craft, Spiritwood Township Supervisor, Corry Shevlin, Jamestown Stutsman Development Corporation, and Rich Dye, ADM Senior Tax Manager (via phone).

Klose opened the floor for discussion regarding Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) application for property tax incentive.

Morris presented ADM PILT Request and a summary of the four options that have been discussed, including a request from ADM of a PILT in the amount of \$200,000 per year for 15 years, beginning with the payment in 2023.

Tyler Perleberg, Director of Tax Equalization, discussed the start date of the PILT.

Severson is in favor of Spiritwood Township's recommendation. Craft indicated Spiritwood Township held a special meeting and agreed a 15-year PILT will work for the township. The township also recognizes the needs of the fire district and agree to an adjustment. The school district has not discussed it.

Klose asked Dye if ADM would be willing to do \$200,000 for 10 years and \$250,000 for 5 years. Morris suggested \$225,000 for 15 years. The total amount of taxes for 15 years is approximately \$7.9 million dollars. If the PILT is \$225,000 per year for 15 years, the amount waived would be \$4.6 million dollars with the amount paid being \$3.3 million dollars.

Dye believes the \$225,000 could work, even though \$200,000 works best for ADM.

Morris made a motion to extend to ADM a 15-year PILT, ADM would be responsible for \$225,000 per year for 15-years, and of the \$225,000 per year, Morris requests the fire district remains whole with other taxing districts apportioned appropriately, seconded by Gumke. This is assuming the payments can start right away and not after the operations have commenced. Roll call vote: Ova, Gumke, Morris, Cichos and Klose voted aye. Motion carried.

At 8:42 a.m., the Stutsman County Commission adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jessica Alonge
Interim Auditor/COO

Mark T. Klose
Commission Chairman