

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Board member Bill Bingham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in the parking lot of Wal-Mart, 1001 Bartell Blvd., Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake, Don Zillig. Present: 6. Absent-George Bennett, Merri Berlage, Brad Petersburg, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Steve Rutz, Ronald Smith, Terry Stoffregen Absent: 11. Guests present: George Kepner, Greg Thoren, Annette McLane, Ron Lawfer, John Schultz, Kathy Winkelhake, Kay Zillig, State Representative Carol Sente.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tour of Matt Berning Farm, 8850 N. Menominee Road, East Dubuque, IL

Matt Berning and his mother, Ellen, led the group on a tour of their family farm. Matt discussed the history of his family farm and led the group on the tour. Matt Berning emphasized the importance of technology and modernization on his farm. He also emphasized the importance of learning from others from around the world.

Lunch

Lunch was held at Tranel Picnic and Campground and was provided by Nick Tranel and family. Ron Lawfer spoke to the group and thanked the Board for their support of the agricultural community in Jo Daviess County. Ron Lawfer noted that Jo Daviess County led the state in hay production, livestock populations, and duck population. Ron Lawfer also presented concerns to the Board about bridge and infrastructure in the county in terms of agriculture. Carol Sente then spoke to discuss issues in Springfield and her opinion on current state of the changes occurring in the state.

Tour of Nick Tranel Farm, 8632 North Tranel Road, East Dubuque, IL

Nick Tranel discussed the history of his farm and the background of his family. He also discussed the geology of his land and erosion issues. He also talked about other farms in Dunleith Township. He addressed questions in regard to crop rotation. Nick Tranel also gave a tour of his property and answered questions about his farm.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

None

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None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Don Zillig and seconded by Martin Werner. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.