

Official Notice

BEFORE THE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE CITIZENS OF HOWARD COUNTY

Notice is given that Dairyland Power Cooperative, La Crosse, Wisconsin, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate an electric transmission line in Howard County and that the petition sets forth the following maximum voltage, starting points, routes, and termini of the proposed line:

161,000V Nominal Voltage (169,000V Maximum Voltage) Electric Transmission Line Howard County, Iowa

The North endpoint of this line will be at a proposed Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) 161,000V nominal voltage, 169,000V maximum voltage electrical transmission line, located approximately 0.05 mile West of the N¼ corner of Section 7, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, at a point on the Iowa/Minnesota State Line; the North terminus of this line will be at an existing Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) 161,000V nominal voltage, 169,000V maximum voltage, Harmony Electrical Transmission Substation, located in the SE¼-NE¼, Section 14, T101N, R10W, of the 5th P.M., Fillmore County, Minnesota.

The South endpoint/terminus of this line will be at a proposed Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) 161,000V nominal voltage, 169,000V maximum voltage, Beaver Creek Switching Station, located in the NE¼-NE¼, Section 28, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa.

Beginning at a point being approximately 0.05 mile West of the N¼ corner of Section 7, T100N, R12W, of the 5th P.M., on the North line of Howard County, Iowa, at a point on the Iowa/Minnesota State Line; thence South, on public right of way in the NE¼-NW¼ of said Section 7, a distance of approximately 0.01 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.05 mile West of the N¼ corner of said Section 7; thence West, on private right of way along the South margin of a public road (10th Street / State Line Road), along the North lines of said Section 7 and Section 12, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, a distance of approximately 0.34 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of the NE corner of Section 12, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa; thence South, on private right of way along the east lines of Sections 12 and 13, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa and the west lines of Sections 7 and 18, T100N, R12W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, crossing public

road (25th Street), a distance of approximately 1.44 miles, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of the E¼ corner of said Section 13; thence West, on private right of way along the east-west centerline in Section 13, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, and along the South margin of a public road (25th Street), a distance of approximately 0.36 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.36 mile West of the E¼ corner of said Section 13; thence South, on private right of way in the W½- SE¼ of Section 13, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, a distance of approximately 0.40 mile, to a point approximately 0.09 mile North of and 0.14 mile East of the S¼ corner of said Section 13; thence Southwesterly, on private right of way in the SW¼-SE¼ of Section 13, the NW¼-NE¼ and the NE¼-NW¼ of Section 24, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, crossing the public right of ways of the Upper Iowa River and (U.S. Highway 63), a distance of approximately 0.28 mile, to a point approximately 0.15 mile South of the N¼ corner of Section 24, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa; thence South, on private right of way along the north-south centerline in Section 24, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, a distance of approximately 0.72 mile, to a point approximately 0.12 mile North of the S¼ corner of said Section 24; thence Southwesterly, on private right of way in the SE¼-SW¼ of Section 24, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, crossing public road (40th Street), a distance of approximately 0.13 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.02 mile West of the N¼ corner of Section 25, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa; thence West, on private and public right of way along the North lines of Sections 25 and 26, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, and along the South margin of a public road (40th Street), crossing public road (Lilac Avenue), a distance of approximately 1.10 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.12 mile West of the N¼ corner of said Section 26; thence Northwesterly, on public right of way in the NE¼-NW¼ of Section 26 and the S½-SW¼, Section 23, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, crossing public road (40th Street), a distance of approximately 0.13 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile North of and 0.24 mile East of the SW corner of said Section 23; thence West, on public and private right of way along the South lines of Sections 23 and 22, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, and along the North margin of a public road (40th Street), a distance of approximately 0.40 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile North of and 0.15 mile West of the SE corner of said Section 22; thence Southwesterly, on public right of way in the SE¼-SE¼ of Section 22 and the N½- NE¼ of Section 27, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, crossing public road (40th Street), a distance of approximately 0.13 mile, to a

point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.21 mile East of the S¼ corner of said Section 22; thence West, on public and private right of way along the North line of Section 27, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, and along the South margin of a public road (40th Street), crossing the public right of ways of (James Avenue/County Highway V26) and Beaver Creek, a distance of approximately 0.71 mile, to a point approximately 0.01 mile South of and 0.01 East of the NW corner of said Section 27; thence Southwesterly, on private right of way in the NW¼-NW¼ of Section 27, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa, a distance of approximately 0.02 mile to the South endpoint of this line at a proposed Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) 161,000V nominal voltage, 169,000V maximum voltage, Beaver Creek Switching Station, located in the NE¼-NE¼, Section 28, T100N, R13W, of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa. The total distance of this 161,000V nominal voltage line is approximately 6.17 miles.

A map showing the proposed route of the electric line may be obtained at no cost by calling (608) 788-4000 or by writing to Dairyland Power Cooperative, Attn: Real Estate and Right of Way Department, 3200 East Avenue South, P.O. Box 817, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54602-0817.

The IUC has established 9 a.m. on September 9, 2025, at the Featherlite Center located at the Howard County Fairgrounds, 220 Seventh St. W., Cresco, Iowa, as the time, date, and place for hearing on the petition.

Orders issued and documents filed in this docket (No. E-22547) may be viewed in the IUC's electronic filing system (EFS) at efs.iowa.gov. Objections to the granting of the franchise may be filed electronically using EFS or filed in writing with the IUC **no later than 20 days after the date of second publication of this notice**. Instructions for submitting an electronic filing can be found on the EFS home page. Written objections must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Commission, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319. Both electronic and written objections must clearly state the objector's name and address and list the docket number on the objection.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate in the hearing should contact the IUC at (515) 725-7300 at least ten (10) business days in advance of the hearing date to request arrangements.

The date of the first publication is July 9, 2025. The date of the second publication is July 16, 2025.

IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION
BY: Jon Tack General Counsel

Dated this 13th day of June, 2025.

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Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, Iowa on June 30, 2025.

Unless noted in the minutes, all motions were passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Pisney at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were: Chairman in the Chair Joe Pisney, Dean Eastman, and Pat Murray. Absent; None.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Dean Eastman attended a 6 County meeting in Fredericksburg, Iowa.

Pat Murray attended an E911 meeting in Cresco, Iowa, a Regional Health Services of Howard County Board meeting in Cresco, Iowa, a County Social Services meeting in Osage, Iowa, a Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health meeting by zoom, and a NEI3A meeting by zoom.

Joe Pisney attended a Northeast Iowa Community Action meeting by zoom and a HAWC meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Project Updates.
2. Unincorporated town discussion.
3. Approval of Resolution No. 1397-2025 Support of Joint CHBP Grant.
4. Approval of CHBP 28E Agreement.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to authorize Chairman Joe Pisney and Howard County Auditor Julie Chapman to sign a 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Resolution No. 1397-2025. In support of the Joint CHBP Grant Agreement & Letter of Support for the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1397-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on the Howard County website: <https://howardcounty.iowa.gov/>.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Resolution No. 1403-2025, FY26 Appropriation Resolution. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1403-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on the Howard County website: <https://howardcounty.iowa.gov/>.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Resolution No. 1404-2025, Resolution for Interfund Operating Transfers for FY26. The vote

thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1404-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on the Howard County website: <https://howardcounty.iowa.gov/>.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the FY26 (7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2026) Salaries. Motion passed.

Salaries for FY26

Norma Albertson	65,137.90
Jennifer Bauer	75,948.21
Mike Bielefeld	\$27.54/hr.
Angela Bries	63,200.00
Nick Burke	\$27.19/hr.
Rick Busch	122,500.00
Jess Byrnes	\$27.39/hr.
Julie Chapman	78,632.83
Jason Davis	\$27.34/hr.
Michelle Donlan	55,175.63
Dean Eastman	39,210.14
Austin Engelhardt	\$27.29/hr.
Craig Fencil	63,200.00
Cori Feneis	83,300.00
Ryan Flugum	\$27.19/hr.
Benjamin Gardner	52,000.00
Dawn Gossman	44,779.69
Milan Grubl	98,000.00
Jason Hebrink	50,346.40
Benjamin Hillyer	85,730.00
Jacob Hofstra	98,000.00
Devin Holthaus	89,425.00
Ivan Houser	\$27.44/hr.
Jeff Hrdlicka	76,483.06
Christine Hron	76,632.83
Kory Huber	\$27.34/hr.
Kent Johnson	67,957.99
Steve Johnson	\$27.64/hr.
Alexandria Johnston	44,779.69
Mike Kaletka	69,150.24
Gatlin Keehner	91,875.00
Lori Kerian	88,430.00
Shianne Klimesh	51,330.00
Jeremy Klobassa	\$27.19/hr.
Jeff Korsmo	3,244.50
Lori Korsmo	76,200.00
Stephanie Kuhn	80,888.58
Keith Langum	\$27.19/hr.
Kevin Larsen	\$27.69/hr.
Andrew Lensing	77,495.96
Carrie Lopez	53,838.62
Brody Malone	52,800.00
Wade Michels	98,000.00
Jim Miller	\$27.69/hr.
William Murphy	53,890.00
Pat Murray	39,210.14
Heather O'Brien	60,506.26
Kevin O'Brien	\$27.39/hr.
Ashley Opprecht	53,632.99
Jacob Pierce	55,800.00
Joe Pisney	39,210.14
Joe Pisney	1,500.00
Derek Reddel	\$27.44/hr.
Becky Rempfer	53,632.99
Amy Retterath	65,137.90
Dakota Retterath	\$27.34/hr.
Nick Rissman	129,994.56
Marshall Rogne	65,137.90
Spencer Schmitt	74,234.16
Kevin Schoeberl	111,735.41
Dan Schroeder	\$27.69/hr.
Chris Shimek	\$27.73/hr.
Ryan Sindelar	63,200.00

Dan Smith	\$27.34/hr.
Rock Tuckek	62,920.00
Ryan VanDeWalker	104,125.00
Roxann Vokaty	75,632.83
Tony Wall	50,346.40

Starting Part-Time Pay	\$17.51/hr.
Election Official Pay	
Worker	\$19.00/hr.
.....Chair	
.....	\$20.00/hr.

Secondary Roads Only Longevity Pay	
Years of Service	Hourly Increase
5	\$0.10
10	\$0.20
15	\$0.30
20	\$0.50

Differential Pay: Dependent on code/position	
Minimum	\$0.15
Maximum	\$3.08

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Resolution No. 1405-2025, 2025 Fiscal Year Camping Receipts. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1405-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on the Howard County website: <https://howardcounty.iowa.gov/>.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a Refreshment Policy for the Howard County Attorney's Office. Motion passed.

Members of the Northeast Iowa Humane Society came before the board to discuss the proposed 28E Agreement for funds.

The board discussed the Sandoz Inc. Settlement Fund Litigation. The board tabled the discussion.

The board discussed the ENGIE Wind Turbine tax proposal.

Howard County Sheriff Rick Busch came before the board to discuss Sheriff's Office Business.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Jennifer Bauer will not be at 73% of the Sheriff's Salary, her salary will be set by the Board of Supervisors each July 1st effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the resignation of Samantha Sweska effective July 7, 2025. Motion passed.

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman,
Howard County Board of Supervisors

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HSWCD Commissioners to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on July 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 311 7th Street SW, Cresco, IA. The tentative agenda is: Adopt agenda; Open forum; Minutes of last meeting; District finances; Staff Reports; Update on constructed wetland and waterway projects; Conservation plans; Iowa Financial Incentive Program applications; Review correspondence; Plans for next meeting. All meetings are open to the public. If you need special accommodations, call (563) 547-3040 ext. 3. An equal opportunity employer and provider..

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM during the City of Elma regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at the Elma Community Complex meeting room in Elma to provide local residents with the opportunity to comment on the proposed updated Elma Code of Ordinances.

A copy of the proposed 2025 Code of Ordinances is available for review prior to the public hearing by contacting the clerk at 641-393-2543 or email elmacityclerk@gmail.com to arrange an appointment. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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CRESCO - Kids had fun playing in the bouncy house during Family Fun Night on July 2.

Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

THE PHYLLIS J. STEVENSON TRUST

To all persons regarding Phyllis J. Stevenson, deceased, who died on or about June 25th, 2025. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the Phyllis J. Stevenson Trust dated on November 18th, 2011. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on July 2nd, 2025.

Harlane S. Frazer, Trustee
3169 East Bank Road
Lime Springs, IA 52155

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The Summer Reading Program ended July 2. The total number of children who registered for the Summer Reading Program was 44. Fifteen children for 1st -6th grade returned their incentive sheets and were eligible for prizes. Nineteen children for Preschool and Kindergarten returned their activity sheets. Everyone received a prize. The drawing for both groups was held July 3. Children did not have to be present to win. Each child received a prize when their incentive sheets and activity sheets were turned in. Everyone received a book to keep for attending. The Creative Drawing contest was due June 26. There were 9 children that participated and won a prize.

On June 26 there will be a special activity called "Roll a

Fairytale Story" for 1st to 6th grade at 2:00 p.m. Ten children participated. They had to roll the dice 3 times to determine the character, setting and the problem. Then they are to write a short story. Prizes will be given to ten children.

On July 2 the children were able to go to different stations and get a prize. They could go pick a duck, spin the wheel, go fishing, get a tattoo, walk the plank and receive a special balloon.

July 5 several adults gathered at the Library for a Social Night of Games. The games played was Five Hundred. The group enjoyed a snack and had a fun evening getting together with friends. The next Social Game Night will be August 2 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and come to join the fun.

Lime Springs Library Lines

On July 12 the Humane Society of Northeast Iowa will be at the library from 10:00 a.m. to noon. They will trim pet's nails for \$12.00. People can buy a Microchip for \$25.00 for their pets. No registration required.

The library is having Bingo night on July 19 at 7:00 p.m. All players must bring a new \$2.00 gift wrapped which will be used for prizes. Snacks will be served. Bring a friend as we look forward to having a fun evening.

The Lime Springs Library is proud to announce their newest program that provides internet hotspots to cardholders 18 and up to receive internet access away from the library. This was made possible through funding from the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Endowment from Lime

Springs. Stop in and learn more about how to check out a hotspot.

The "Monday Morning Coffee Group" meets at 9:30 a.m. every Monday at the Library. Also, the "Coffee Connections" group meets every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and socialize with friends. Everyone welcome.

The library has a Pickleball set, a tennis racket set, badminton set, a basketball, volleyball, and soccer ball available to check out and use at Browns Park and the Volleyball court near the pool. Check out the items and return it the next day during library hours or in the evenings. The library is open until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Questions call 566-2207.



CRESCO - Crestwood baseball coaches Kolby LeFebvre and Brandon Meiners give the team a pep talk before a recent game.