May 11th, 2021

9:00 A.M.

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in special session on May 11th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were: Jim Houck, Scott Schilling, Kevin Holgard, and Duane Mohr. Also present was Deputy Auditor, Marcie Keller & States Attorney, Jamie Hare. Commissioner Rick Cain was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Chairperson Houck called the County Commission meeting to order.

Holgard moved and Mohr seconded to lift the Burn Ban that was put in place on March 2, 2021.

Jeff Jensen, Emergency Manager for Walworth County, presented his opinion on such motion. Jeff recently spoke to Travis at the Aberdeen Weather Service in great length in regards to the county’s current fire index status. With recent rain, the county’s status is in the moderate fire index status, but will soon change as the week progresses. Jeff recommends holding off on lifting the burn ban due to the upcoming dry and windy stretch the forecast shows and if the burn ban is lifted, suggests people use caution when burning is planned. He reiterated that the fire index map is updated each morning between 5 & 7am CT which provides the current fire index status of the state. Mohr also reiterated that a phone call to the Mobridge Police Dept would be very helpful when a controlled burn is planned.

Voting: Aye, 4; Nay, 0. Motion was adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Holgard moved and Schilling seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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**JIM HOUCK, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARCIE KELLER, DEPUTY AUDITOR**

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