

## GOOSE LAKE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 6, 2025

Mayor Ken Schoon called a special meeting of the Goose Lake City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members present were Mike Schmidt, Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, and Darrin Farrell. Absent: Matt Cain.

The following students from the Northeast Community School Ag Leadership were also present to address the Council regarding the three "Welcome" signs entering Goose Lake: Charleigh Blanchard, Alivia Chambers, Santiago Delacruz, Clayton Grantz and their teacher, Madison Cousins. The group introduced several designs and Council discussed their options and desires for the signs. Ultimately Council decided on a combination of two of the designs. Miss Cousins students will start with the sign entering Goose Lake by the school. They will obtain the supplies and complete the project and installation of the new sign. The students also plan to install new solar lights under each of the signs. Council Member Mike Schmidt offered any assistance they might need with removing or installing the new signs. City Clerk inquired about the supplies and who would pay for them. Miss Cousins stated it was a school project so the Ag Leadership program would cover the cost of the supplies. Students are looking to start immediately as weather permits.

The Lincolnway Community Foundation was represented by Amanda Willimack, Executive Director and Erin Meyerman. They addressed the Mayor, Council and members of the Lions Club, Ascension Church, Northeast School and the Goose Lake Fire Department. Willimack and Meyerman informed the group of the many different services the Lincolnway Community Foundation has to offer including Endowment administration and help initiating them. Both informed the group of the benefits of endowments and the ways communities can establish an endowment and contribute to existing endowments.

Ms. Willimack and Ms. Meyerman also introduced the Small-Town Dreams Initiative. It addresses the future challenges small towns will be facing today. They gave information on the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and the large impact they have made on small towns within that county.

Another way Lincolnway Community Foundation supports all of Rural Clinton County is through the many programs it offers such as Big Brothers and Sisters, Boy Scouts, Clinton County 4H Agriculture, Clinton County Conservation, Visiting Nurses Association, Hunter Education, Substance Abuse, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Family Resources Emergency Assistance, Fishing programs, Iowa State Extension, Lutheran Social Services STEP-IN training and Music Ministries.

Some of the ways the Lincolnway Community Foundation has helped Goose Lake is through grants to the Fire Department for new helmets, pumper truck and just recently the new Community Center and Technology Center. Ms. Willimack and Ms. Meyerman provided pizza for the group along with a take-home gift of a vehicle organizer. They thanked the members of the group and encouraged all to reach out for assistance on any projects or ideas they may want to pursue for their organization.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to adjourned at 6:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Goose Lake City Hall.

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Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

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Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk