

Story County Conservation Board
August 18, 2021
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa and via Conference Call

1. SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: This Meeting Is Also Being Offered Via Conference Call.

2. CALL TO ORDER: 3:30 PM

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Christine Laumer – present via phone

Nancy Franz – present

Jim Pease – present

Ted Tedesco – present via phone

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Jerry Keys

GUESTS

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Action Forms – Pay correction effective 8/26/21, Sara Qualley, Outreach Assistant @ \$11.75/hr. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Face Coverings Policy. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Cox explained that The Board of Supervisors approved a Face Coverings Policy for all county employees. We are bringing largely the same policy forward for the Conservation Board to approve. One change is that this policy requires SCC employees to wear a face-covering while in work status. This means an employee will be required to wear a face-covering whenever they are inside a building (ex. in a school or store). MCU.

C. Consideration Of Updating Conservation Center Use And Indoor Programming Management Protocols: COVID-19. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Tedesco. Cox indicated that the previous protocol was forward-facing for opening. We have made changes in our procedures, vaccinations, the number of people getting tested, etc. made using those same metrics difficult to use in a “retreat”. We have found that we are less able to rely on metrics and more effective taking action on the best data that we have at the time until things change. Instead of the phases that were geared towards reopening, we replaced them with a couple of requirements. All of the other procedures remain the same. MCU.

Director Cox wanted to let the board know that County received a sub-division request from YSS to put a residential treatment facility near Cambridge. The land they want to build on is located in our natural resource area overlay through planning and development. The land is an important wildlife corridor with some prairie components. YSS is moving forward with the requirements of the Planning and Development department. He has told them that he wants a

conservation easement on a portion of the property. He is meeting with YSS this week to go over a conservation easement and will eventually bring it to the SCC board for consideration.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Recording Secretary

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