

Story County Conservation Board

June 8, 2020

Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa via conference call

1. SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: Due To Recommendations To Limit Gatherings To No More Than Ten (10) People In Order To Help Slow The Spread Of The COVID-19 Virus, Public Access To The Meeting Will Be Provided Via Conference Call To Listen To The Meeting.

Members of the public who would like to call in:

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2. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease - present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Craig Meyers - present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Diane Birt

4. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Outdoor Alliance Of Story County Update – Diane Birt, President, updated the board on some projects and land acquisitions that they have partnered or supported SCCB on in the past. Information was also provided regarding their revenue and expenses indicating that 94% of their project expenditures went to Story County Conservation in 2019. Diane asked our board members if they could assist the OAOSC with increasing their memberships.

7. STAFF REPORT – Pat Shehan, Special Projects Ranger submitted a written annual report.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2020. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. Franz, Meyers and Pease noted a couple typographical errors. MCU.

May 14, 2020. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

9. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. Pease asked about a claim for IRVM, wanting to know who Coleman Moore Company was. Director Cox stated that they are a supplier of erosion control products. MCU.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox indicated that the May FY20 budget amendments are included in the reports. The amendments reflected changes made due to COVID-19 and operationally in both expenses and revenue.

11. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

All programs and events have been cancelled until August 15th. Our next board meeting is scheduled for July 13th.

12. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Action Forms

Change position from Summer Naturalist to Conservation Aide, effective 6/1/20, Madeline Schill @ \$11.50/hr. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Resolution #2020-04 Approving FY21 Salaries For Story County Conservation Employees. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU by roll call vote.

C. Action Forms

Step and Longevity Adjustments for FY21 - effective 7/5/20, Brandon Clough @ \$20.81/hr.; effective 7/19/20, Tyler Kelley @ \$20.76/hr.; effective 8/16/20, Rebekah Beall Warburton @ \$22.71/hr.; effective 8/30/20, Heather Hucka @ \$24.18/hr.; effective 9/27/20, Erica Place @ \$20.51/hr., Elizabeth Waage @ \$22.70/hr.; effective 10/11/20, Russ DeWall @ \$22.39/hr.; effective 12/20/20, Dillion Schmidt @ \$18.24/hr.; effective 2/14/21, Joseph Hill @ \$21.70/hr.; effective 3/14/21, Marianne Harrelson @ \$24.69/hr., Lucas Feilmeier @ \$27.03/hr.; effective 3/28/21, Elizabeth Paetz-Jackson @ \$18.23/hr.; effective 5/23/21, Jessica Lancial @ \$23.19/hr., Beau Hoppe @ \$21.19/hr., Daniel Simcox @ \$26.50/hr., Patrick Shehan @ \$27.37/hr., Derek Seward @ \$19.25/hr. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

D. Consideration Of Replacement Of Drinking Fountain For McFarland Park For \$4,199.00. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. This will replace the one on the trail near the lake. MCU.

E. Consideration Of Purchase Of Utility Trailer From Thomas Bus Sales Inc. For \$1,195.00. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

F. Consideration Of Change Order No. 01 Between Howrey Construction And Story County Conservation For The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Bid Package #3 For \$2,136.00. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. Tedesco indicated that the trail is complete from R-38 to the ISU Dairy Farm. MCU.

G. Consideration Of Professional Services Agreement With Shive Hattery For Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Between The High Trestle Trail And R-38 In Slater. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. This does not include construction observation. MCU.

13. UPDATES:

A. General Updates: Director Cox indicated that two art pieces have been installed at the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor. The interactive display will be installed within the next week. The Praeri Rail Trail between Highway 65 and downtown Zearing is all paved now. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled this week for Phase 2 of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. The EE Department has been creating a lot of videos and finding creative ways to get people engaged. Stay tuned for the "What Would Heather Do?" series. Cox asked the board about how to conduct future meetings? All members were okay with

continuing the meetings via conference call until our building becomes open to the public. Cox also wanted to know if the board thinks we should be audio recording the board meetings and posting them on the website? After some discussion, the members would like to take some more time to decide on the recordings. Hickory Grove Lake is still draining, but we are expecting some rain this week. Research and discussions are still taking place on how to proceed with the fish removal. All of our parks are getting a lot of use and most people are adhering to the social distancing rules.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Laumer would like to connect with the Young Professional of Ames to see about possible partnership opportunities. We had a Partners meeting about what project to fund next year and it was decided to assist with the Osheim land acquisition. Franz continues to work with the ICCS on the 2020 conference and trying to make decisions on what might happen with the pandemic. We have decided that the conference will operate at 50% capacity, so we will only have 130 attendees. This could change depending on what comes from the Government and Public Health entities. We are recommending participants to wear face masks and social distance. All of the staff, Story County Board members and volunteers will be wearing masks. Meeting rooms will be set up for social distancing and sanitized during breaks. We are not providing transportation for the pre-conference activities. Transportation for the tours and social events are still being discussed. The ICCS Alumni Gathering has been postponed. Meyers took some photos at TELC to become part of the touch screen display. Pease asked for an update on the Colo sewer project. Cox has provided all of the information that the Colo council members requested and they still have not made any decisions. He continues to move forward with reviewing other options that may need to be made with either decision that Colo makes. Pease and Cox had a meeting with a land owner on one of the Skunk River access to discuss to possibly move the access and incorporating a demonstration project with a drainage ditch and making it a paddle in access instead of a river launch.

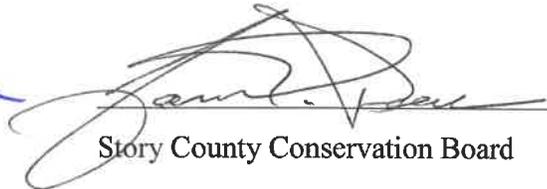
C. Other – None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.



Recording Secretary



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