

Story County Conservation Board

July 2, 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.

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2. CALL TO ORDER: 3:02 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

Ben Dodd

4. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1
5. STATEMENT OF NECESSITY OF MEETING TO BE HELD ON LESS THAN 24 HOURS NOTICE PER CODE SECTION 21.4.2(B) – IF NECESSARY
6. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS
7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration Of Support For Rotenone Application At Hickory Grove Lake By The Iowa Department Of Natural Resources. Director Cox explained that we attempted to re-establish the fishery at Hickory Grove Lake without applying Rotenone by drawing down the lake to eradicate all of the carp and that did not work. Ben Dodd, Fisheries Biologist, with The Iowa Department of Natural Resources would like to get approval to apply a Rotenone treatment to be completed before mid-August. He has been working with several organizations to make the necessary preparations before the treatment can be done. He would like get a press release out next week to notify the public about applying Rotenone to eliminate the remaining injurious fish population so that we can get the lake restocked this fall. Two weeks prior to the application, we would send out another press release letting people know the treatment date and how it will impact the park. He will provide information about the treatment for us to post on the Story County Conservation website. He and SCC staff will also be talking to and working with adjacent land owners. There are three wells on adjacent property that are still active. Two of the wells are used for irrigation and one of those is also used for filling herbicide sprayer tanks, thus there are no restrictions with that use. The third well is used for human and livestock consumption. We are still trying to gather information about this well. He is trying to

contact the Department of Natural Resources well expert to determine if we need to get an inspection done of that well. If it is a very deep water well and there is a confining layer between the water that he is utilizing and the stream, we don't need to do any testing, but if it is a shallow water well, then we will need to determine if there is any connection between the stream that we want to treat and his well water. This should be completed next week. Murken asked about the percentage of effectiveness. Mr. Dodd indicated that he is 98 percent sure that the treatment should be successful. Pease mentioned that we need to make sure that we are notifying campers and park users regarding the treatment. Director Cox indicated that this would be done. Mr. Dodd also indicated that they are required to post signage at all the access points around the lake. He will be working with SCC staff members to place signage. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU by roll call vote.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.



Recording Secretary



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