

Story County Conservation Board
August 8, 2016
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

0. Chair Craig Meyers called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Nancy Franz – present

Allen Weber – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Jim Pease – present

Wayne Clinton – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

Lauris Olson

0. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Lauris Olson was welcomed to the meeting.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

No changes were made to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Weber, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 board meeting. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Weber, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 board meeting. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve claims and receipts. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox reported that several equipment items have been purchased early in the budget year.

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Cox announced that a joint meeting including the planning and zoning commission, the board of supervisors, and the conservation board will be held on September 7 at 4:00 in Nevada to review the C2C plan and a draft implementation plan.

Chair Meyers reminded board members of the next regularly scheduled board meeting on September 12. Weber said he will be absent. Meyers, Franz, Pease, Director Cox, and Parks Superintendent Wiemold will be attending the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards conference in Webster County September 15-17.

10. **CONSIDER CORRECTED STEP ADJUSTMENT FOR TYLER KELLEY**
Cox explained that there was an error regarding the effective date of a step adjustment on the employee action form previously submitted for Kelley.

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve corrected step adjustment for Tyler Kelley effective July 24, 2016. MCU.

11. **CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF DANIEL SIMCOX AS PARK RANGER**
Cox commented that almost 40 applications were received, and three candidates were interviewed for the park ranger position. The position was offered to Daniel Simcox. If Simcox meets preliminary requirements of the position, he will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy session starting January 2017.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to approve employment of Daniel Simcox as park ranger effective August 21, 2016. MCU.

12. **CONSIDER REAP-CEP EDUCATION GRANT AGREEMENT #17-08**
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to approve a REAP-CEP education grant agreement for \$17,600 with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. MCU.

13. **CONSIDER U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR JENNETT HERITAGE AREA**
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Weber, to approve U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Agreement No. F13AP00084 between Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Story County Conservation Board for Prairie Lake 6 Wetlands Project (NAWCA) at Jennett Heritage Area in the amount of \$5,000. MCU.

14. **CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ISU RESEARCH PARK GREENBELT PARK**
Cox commented that the \$305,000 contract does not include the design of the trail extension because the trail alignment has not been determined yet.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve an agreement between Shive-Hattery, Inc. and Story County Conservation for design and engineering services for the ISU Research Park Greenbelt Park. MCU.

15. **CONSIDER FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECT**
MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Pease, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve a federal aid agreement for a Transportation Alternatives Program Project between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Story County Conservation for the Praeri Rail Trail Extension to Dakins Lake. MCU.

16. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF RONALD "DICK" JORDAN FAMILY WILDLIFE AREA**
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Weber, to approve a REAP grant application for acquisition of the Ronald "Dick" Jordan Family Wildlife Area. MCU.

17. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CARPET FOR DWELLING AT 2919 S. RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Cox said the bid for carpet is for the living room and sunroom, including installation, at the residence assigned to the new park ranger. Cox added that this expense will come from the Conservation operating budget.

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease, to approve the purchase of carpet for 2919 S. Riverside Drive from Carpet One Floor and Home in the amount of \$4,752.64. MCU.

18. CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM FOR DWELLING AT 2919 S. RIVERSIDE DRIVE

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to approve the purchase and installation of a heating and cooling system for 2919 S. Riverside Drive from C&K Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$6,900.00. MCU.

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF IOWA SYSTEM BILLING SERVICES WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Cox explained that this new subscription is for park rangers to access motor vehicle and criminal records. The minimum annual fee is \$1,200.

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz, to approve an unbudgeted FY17 expense of \$1,200 to utilize the Department of Public Safety's Iowa On-Line Warrants and Articles System. MCU.

20. CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR 2016 APA-IOWA CHAPTER NOMINATION
Confluence has requested a letter from the SCCB in support of a nomination of Story County for their work on the C2C Plan.

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve submission of a letter by Cox in support of Confluence's nomination of Story County's Planning and Development and County Outreach and Special Projects Program for the 2016 APA-Iowa Chapter Award. MCU.

21. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY FROM ISU RESEARCH PARK

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors accept property from Iowa State University Research Park. MCU.

22. GENERAL UPDATES

Director Cox reported on the following:

- Praeri Rail Trail extension - Work continues on identifying a route through Zearing to Dakins Lake. The Coop has tentatively approved an easement on part of their property, and meetings are planned with Zearing Fertilizer and Colo-Nesco Schools. Cox added that the engineer's cost opinion was higher than expected, and a different route through town may reduce the number of sidewalks and intersections involved. Tentative bid letting for construction of the trail from Highway 65 to the park is February 2017. This schedule will follow guidelines set by the DOT and use of CIRTPA funds.

- Hickory Grove storm shelter - Preliminary designs have been received. The design (for 180 people) is the same one used at Sioux County. Cox added that construction of the showerhouse/shelter can move forward irrespective of the lagoon situation.
- Hickory Grove septic system – Cox plans to have another conversation with the City of Colo regarding the status of a proposal to pump sewage from Hickory Grove Park and Country Living Court to the Colo lagoons. Central Iowa Water Association is also considering and option to utilize a rehabilitated lagoon at the trailer court.
- Dakota Access Pipeline – Cox received a 10-day notice for the pipeline crossing the HOINT. Crews have started preparing a trench under the Skunk River.
- NCCC - The crew has been doing a good job and has been happy with their experience at Story County. Projects have included parsnip removal at Doolittle Prairie, replacing stairs on McFarland Park trails, and removing fence at Jordan Wildlife Acres. The supervisor made a site visit last week and was pleased about reviews from the crew.
- ISU Research Park – Painting, carpet replacement, and floor repairs will be needed at the smaller house at some point this year.

23. BOARD REPORTS

Franz and Director Cox attended the Partners Advisory Committee meeting. Franz said there was good discussion about strategic thinking and changes in funding day-to-day operations. The committee is interested in supporting large projects and matching funds for grants. Franz added that the Partners festivals will continue in their current format.

Franz also reported on the Volunteer Service Enterprise group's progress. Outreach Coordinator Place has put together a plan, and she and Franz will work on a framework for volunteer development. Franz said the group may work towards certification status.

Clinton will be attending a board of supervisors executive board meeting in Humboldt County and plans to ask for support of IWill.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, that the meeting be adjourned. MCU.
Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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