

Story County Conservation Board
October 31, 2016
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

0. Chair Craig Meyers called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Nancy Franz – absent

Allen Weber – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Jim Pease – present

Wayne Clinton – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

None

0. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR COMMITMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Chair Meyers invited discussion of a proposed resolution for approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors regarding the expenditure of \$1.6 million received from Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Tedesco stated he would like to see the money spent on conservation-related items such as drainage issues—and not playgrounds, etc. Clinton said the money could be used towards paving the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail but that the board of supervisors would be willing to discuss the conservation board’s priorities. Meyers reminded board members that water quality issues led them to make recommendations when DAPL requested an easement to cross the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. Pease was concerned about using the funds for recreational amenities and questioned if the funds could be used for water quality education.

MOTION by Tedesco to accept Resolution #17-36 - Commitment of Fund Balance as presented and recommend for approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors.

SECOND by Weber. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to amend Resolution #17-36, replacing the word “supported” with “approved” in the second sentence of the last paragraph. MCU. The board then discussed the original, amended motion and the role of the supervisors in deciding how the funds will be spent. The board voted on the main motion, with the correction of the word “of” to “or” in the last sentence. MCU.

Cox said the board of supervisors will consider the resolution at their November 8 meeting.

4. OTHER

The legislators reception has been scheduled for December 16. Director Cox is lining up speakers, and invitations will be sent after the election. IWill information/discussion will be included on the agenda.

Cox has had some conversation with the City of Ames about utilizing wetlands as one of their preferred options for flood mitigation.

Tedesco announced that the City of Ames received a \$1.1 million grant for sewer systems.

Cox reported that several firms attended a pre-bid meeting for the Hickory Grove Park shower building/storm shelter. Cox is pursuing approval of a conditional use permit through Story County Planning and Zoning and the board of adjustment for the project.

Cox is waiting for a report from Central Iowa Water Association regarding the sewer project at Hickory Grove and options to include Country Living Court and/or the City of Colo.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Weber, to adjourn the meeting. MCU.

Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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