

Story County Conservation Board  
November 14, 2016  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

0. Vice-Chair Nancy Franz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – absent

Nancy Franz – present

Allen Weber – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Jim Pease – absent

Wayne Clinton – present – arrived 5:35.

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

None

0. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

Franz announced that agenda items 10 and 11 regarding the Hickory Grove Park shower building/storm shelter will be considered together.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 board meeting. MCU.

5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox reported that the septic system at 2919 S. Riverside may not need to be replaced. The county sanitarian is reviewing the inspection report from Draintech.

7. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

In order to approve FY18 budget proposals due December 5, the December board meeting was re-scheduled to Thursday, December 1. The legislators reception is set for December 16 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Weber said he will not be able to attend.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FISH HABITAT GRANT APPLICATION

Cox reported that a grant application is being submitted to help replace the outlet structure (which is not functioning) at Robison Wildlife Acres and to dredge the pond.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Weber, to approve Resolution #2016-10 supporting a fish habitat grant application for Robison Wildlife Acres. MCU.

9. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF BID AWARD AND CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACT FOR HICKORY GROVE PARK SHOWER BUILDING/STORM SHELTER

Cox explained that all the bids for the project were higher than cost estimates and available funding (approximately \$220,000 including a 5 percent contingency). Cox presented several options to reduce project costs for the board's consideration. Board members agreed that budgeting contingency funds and retaining the current shower building/storm

shelter design were important. The board also reviewed possibilities of funding support from REAP, trust fund, and conservation reserve accounts, payment from Dakota Access for an easement on the HOINT, or outside sources.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Weber, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve a bid award and construction contract for \$712,400 to Woodruff Construction for the Hickory Grove Park shower building/storm shelter and assist with additional funding support. MCU.

10. CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF RUSS DEWALL AS CONSERVATION TECH II  
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Weber, to approve employment of Russ DeWall as Conservation Technician II effective November 14, 2016. MCU.
11. CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF ALARM SYSTEM AT MCFARLAND PARK SHOP  
MOTION BY Weber, SECOND BY Tedesco, to approve a proposal from Strauss Security Solutions to replace the alarm system at the McFarland Park shop at a cost of \$1,083.87 plus an annual monitoring fee of \$347.00. MCU.
12. CONSIDER UTILITY PERMIT WITH ALLIANT ENERGY  
MOTION BY Tedesco, SECOND BY Weber to approve a utility permit with Alliant Energy to occupy portions of the right-of-way and establish the location of electrical lines near the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. MCU.
13. REVIEW FY18 CONSERVATION AND IRVM BUDGET PROPOSALS  
Director Cox reviewed a draft of next year's budget proposals, highlighting equipment requests, maintenance needs, capital improvements, and grant-funded projects in FY18. Board members were requested to forward any comments/questions to Cox for consideration of the proposals at the December 1 board meeting.
14. GENERAL UPDATES  
Cox informed the board on plans for the legislator's reception. The Outdoor Alliance of Story County will provide food, and several cities and Prairie Rivers of Iowa have expressed interested in participating. Cox will send updates to the board after speakers are confirmed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Tedesco, that the meeting be adjourned. MCU.  
Vice-Chair Franz adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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