

Story County Conservation Board
December 1, 2016
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Craig Meyers called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
Craig Meyers – present	Mike Cox	None
Nancy Franz – present via phone	Jolene Van Waus	
Allen Weber – present		
Ted Tedesco – present		
Jim Pease – present		
Wayne Clinton – absent		
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS
There were no changes to the agenda.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Weber, to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2016 board meeting. MCU.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 board meeting. MCU.
6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS
MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz, to approve claims and receipts. MCU.
Cox added that the purchase of the new sound and audiovisual systems for the conservation center was supported by a donation from the Heartland Senior Services variety show.
7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
Cox reported that the budget is on track for this time of the fiscal year.
8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
Meyers commented that the legislators reception is December 16, and the next board meeting is January 9. Nancy Franz will be one of the presenters at the January O.W.L.S. program, and the director plans to present certificates at the Zearing Council meeting on December 12.
9. IOWA BUTTERFLY FLYWAY PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT
MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve a grant agreement between Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Story County Conservation for monarch habitat at the ISU Research Park. MCU.
10. STEP INCREASE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR DANIEL SIMCOX
MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Franz, to approve a salary adjustment for Daniel Simcox effective May 14, 2017. MCU. Director Cox noted that this is an adjusted step increase for Simcox due to his position change from conservation technician to park ranger,

11. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE/DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to approve Story County Conservation Drug Free Workplace/Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy with punctuation corrections. MCU.

12. 2017 STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING DATES
Meyers and Pease will not be available for the June 12 meeting; Franz may be unable to attend on July 10.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to approve Story County Conservation Board 2017 meeting dates on the second Monday of each month with the exception of June 12. MCU.

13. FY18 IRVM BUDGET PROPOSAL
MOTION BY Franz, SECOND BY Weber, to approve the FY18 IRVM budget proposal as presented. MCU.

14. FY18 CONSERVATION BUDGET PROPOSAL
Cox gave updates on: 1) revised Facilities Management expenses including duct repairs, remote HVAC capability, and carpet at the conservation center; 2) status of the Hickory Grove sewer project; and 3) the possibility of contract mowing.

MOTION BY Tedesco, SECOND BY Weber, to approve FY18 Conservation budget proposal as presented. MCU.

15. GENERAL UPDATES
The board signed certificates of appreciation for the City of Zearing, the fire department, past mayor Jim Chance, and Denny Baker for their assistance in the completion of the Dakins Lake Expansion project.

Cox would like to implement immersion days for staff to step out of their regular routines and experience the parks as consumers. The board was supportive of this idea as professional development for staff and a way to market SCC. Cox will move ahead with this proposal.

Cox also informed the board that staff will be certified in IOWATER sampling and be expected to draw water samples at pre-defined spots on a regular basis. Franz asked if volunteers will be participating, too. Cox said volunteers may be teamed up with staff. Pease said there are about 2,000 trained IOWATER volunteers in the state. Tedesco inquired if any SCC staff can serve as trainers for other staff and volunteers.

Cox has met with City of Ames officials about watershed work as part of their flood mitigation plan. Engineers said this could have a significant impact on the amount of water in Ames. Tedesco moved that the director draft a resolution for a potential partnership on watershed management with the City of Ames. The motion was seconded by Pease and passed unanimously. Cox plans to have the resolution ready for consideration at the January board meeting.

Cox circulated a draft of the concept plan for the ISU Research Park greenbelt park. The review team will meet to discuss the draft, provide some feedback to the engineers, and set

a meeting date for public comments. Staff and the trails advisory committee will also provide input on the plan. Cox noted that the plan has some interesting elements including boardwalks, viewing and gathering areas, and both hard-surface and soft-surface trails.

A quarterly staff meeting was held today, organized by administration and environmental education staff. Anne Owens from the Volunteer Center of Story County gave an update on the Service Enterprise certification process, and staff enjoyed several team-building exercises.

Director Cox said he is waiting for confirmation from a speaker before finalizing the agenda for the legislators reception on December 16. Several organizations and cities were invited to bring table displays.

16. BOARD REPORTS

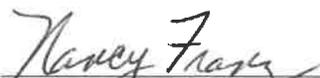
- Franz – The Trails Advisory Committee has updated their by-laws; co-chairs are a board member and a volunteer. Franz and staff members Yoakum, Place, and Cox are working towards the Service Enterprise volunteer certification.
- Weber – Weber announced that his five-year term on the board ends December 31. He said he enjoyed his time as a board member and looks forward to volunteering in the future. The other board members thanked Weber for his service and shared their appreciation for all that he brought to the board and Story County Conservation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, that the meeting be adjourned. MCU.
Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



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