

Story County Conservation Board
July 9, 2018
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS present: Jim Pease, Craig Meyers, Christine Laumer, Ted Tedesco, Nancy Franz, Rick Sanders. STAFF: Mike Cox, Patrick Shehan. GUESTS: Mike Meetz.

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Meetz announced a REAP committee meeting on August 8th.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

Through 6/19/18: MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

Through 7/7/18: MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox reported that the fiscal year ended with \$11,00 in surplus revenue. Pease commented that he was pleased with grants and outside dollars.

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The IACCB 2018 Conference (9/19-9/21) was discussed. All board members plan to attend; no lodging is needed.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Salary Adjustments for Seasonal Staff

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

B. Consider Federal Work-Study Program Agreement

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

C. Consider Fee-for-Service Work Order for Trail Improvements at Hickory Grove Park

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

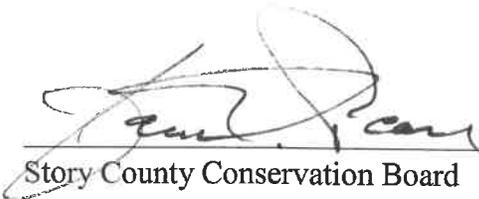
- D. Consider Placement of a Memorial Bench at Hickory Grove Park
MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
Discussion: Make sure staff approves the copy that will be on the memorial.
- E. Consider Placement of a Memorial Bench at McFarland Park
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
Discussion: Typo in the memo; it should say “at McFarland Park.”
- F. Consider Acceptance of Watershed Assessment
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
Discussion: Board looking forward to analyzing and using it to help inform next steps.
- G. Consider Establishment of Liberalized Fishing Regulation for Hickory Grove Lake
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
Discussion: Effective 10 July 2018 with draw down scheduled to begin in September.
Press release and sign are ready to go. Copy approved by DNR.

10. UPDATES

- A. Special Projects Update:
Patrick Shehan, Special Projects Ranger, provided an update for 2018 which included grant results, past projects, work in progress, and future goals/ideas.
- B. General Updates: Mike Cox, Director
- Review of watershed planning assessment maps.
 - Recent flood/rain damage assessment - about \$100,000 damage at TELC and \$80,000 throughout the rest of Conservation properties--mainly on HOINT.
 - Staff appreciation event is August 17 at Jester Park Nature Center (Polk County).
 - Ames Town and Country Kiwanis has offered to donate electric scooters for use at McFarland Park. Dedication will take place on July 14.
 - TELC paving - begins July 10, 2018.
 - Jordan Open House is scheduled for August 24. Needs to be added to public events calendar.
 - Carroll Prairie acquisition - SCCB has \$32,000 budgeted towards the \$41,000 needed to close on the property. The remaining \$9,000 could come from Energy Transfer Funds.
- C. Board Reports
- Franz - About 200 people participated in the July 7th trail run at McFarland Park. The event was well received and went smoothly, but there was a lot of debris left over. Franz thanked staff for loaning items for Girl Scout Day Camp.
 - Tedesco reported on visits to TELC.

- Laumer - Partners Advisory Committee discussed ways to grow membership (175 in 2018). Franz suggested group memberships.
- Meyers reported on photos at TELC.
- Pease - Summer Academy should come out to county properties. Focus would be on being a conservationist.


Recording Secretary


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