

Story County Conservation Board  
August 13, 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, Jolene Van Waus, Danny Simcox. Guests: Mike Meetz.
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Pease noted a typographical error in item #7 (\$11,00 should be \$11,000). MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer, to approve minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting as corrected. MCU.
6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS  
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyer. MCU.
7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES  
Director Cox reported that one of the IRVM tractors needs significant repairs. Options include making the repairs, replacing the tractor, or using a Secondary Roads tractor.
8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS  
Pease noted several upcoming events as well as the next board meeting on September 10.
9. SKUNK RIVER UNIT UPDATE  
Park Ranger Danny Simcox gave a report on 2018 projects and activities for the Skunk River Unit, including staff development, better project tracking, park improvements, building repairs, equipment purchases, and law enforcement training. Simcox also updated the board on upcoming projects, which include designing and building a sustainable energy cabin at Dakins Lake, relocating the bridge at Bear Creek, repairing McFarland Park trail stairs, installing a new entrance sign at McFarland Park, and planting trees/seeding at Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor.
10. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Consider Approval of Request for Placement of a Bench in Memory of Brent Carver at Dakins Lake  
MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
  - B. Consider Approval of Resolution 2018-6 Endorsing a Grant Application from the City of Slater to REAP for Funding to Hard Surface the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail in Slater  
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

Discussion: Meetz said the Story County REAP committee approved the application, adding that the project would help connect the HOINT to the High Trestle Trail.

- C. Consider Change Order #3 for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor-Bid Package 1 with Peterson Contractors, Inc. for a decrease of \$8,331.80 and Recommend Approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors.

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

- D. Consider Change Order #3 for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor-Bid Package 2 with Boulder Contracting, LLC for \$4,998.24 (corrected total) and Recommend Approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers to approve as corrected. MCU.

- E. Consider Purchase Agreement for Carroll Prairie and Recommend Approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

Discussion: Pease remarked that 78% of the purchase cost came from private funding.

- F. Consider Purchase Agreement for Ronald "Dick" Jordan Family Wildlife Area and Recommend Approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

Discussion: Franz noted this acquisition was possible due to another remarkable fundraising effort!

## 10. UPDATES

### A. General Updates – Director Michael Cox

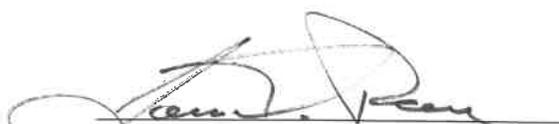
- An individual property owner has given verbal agreement for an easement for the Praeri Rail Trail extension. The Zearing City Council will be discussing the trail's route through the city at their meeting tonight.
- A private landowner has expressed interest in donating property to Story County Conservation and for mining gravel on the property.
- The drawdown of Hickory Grove Lake began on August 6. As of today, the lake has dropped 6 feet and should be down a total of 10 feet in a few days.

### B. Board Reports

- Franz began serving on the county REAP committee, volunteered at the National Night Out event, and attended a meeting regarding design of the Dakins Lake cabin.
- Tedesco has been observing construction progress at TELC and suggested assembling a list of how/where people can donate to the project.
- Laumer said she and Pease plan to meet regarding a recognition plan for SCC.
- Pease has been observing the TELC project, discussing land acquisitions with the director, and assembling presentation materials with Meyers regarding non-toxic ammunition.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:12 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
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