

Story County Conservation Board
March 11, 2019
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers - present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Jim Pease - present

Rick Sanders – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Cindy Hildebrand

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS-the agenda was modified moving Ranger Wiemold's presentation to be given after public comments. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS-none

5. Ranger Wiemold's annual report to the Board included updates on the Hickory Grove Park lake restoration, beach house, and sewer project as well as the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Dakins Lake cabin, McFarland Park watershed study, East/West Peterson Parks regulation change, Heart of Iowa Nature Trail surfacing, water event repairs, and potential Great American Rail Trail designation. He also reported on updates in the law enforcement program, staffing, Trail Advisory Committee, and the Skunk River Water Trail.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019 and FEBRUARY 20, 2019. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease to approve minutes from both meetings as presented. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU. Clarifications were provided on the location of a new pump for a fish station, site use for prairie seed purchase, and the payment process for phone service.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no questions.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Board members were invited to attend the District 1 CCB meeting on April 4th being hosted by SCCB.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consideration of Action Forms
New hire, effective 2/21/19, for Elizabeth Jackson at \$16.83/hr. and pay adjustment, effective 3/31/19, for Jerry Keys at \$2,441.97/bw. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- B. Consideration of Contract Between Bev Chance and Story County Conservation Board for Campground Attendant Duties at Dakins Lake from 7/15/19 -10/27/19. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- C. Consideration of Contract Between Ernie Gummo and Story County Conservation Board for Campground Attendant Duties at Dakins Lake from 4/1/19 – 7/14/19. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- D. Consideration of Contract Between Finch Livestock Exchange for Management Grazing. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU. The effectiveness of this program to date was discussed.
- E. Consideration of Contract Between Iowa State University on Behalf of the Water Quality Research Laboratory and Story County Conservation Board for Watershed Assessment Work at McFarland Park for \$15,778. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU. Additional details about this contract are available from the Director.
- F. Consideration of Fish Habitat Stamp Grant Agreement #19-01F with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for \$41,580. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
- G. Consideration of Purchase of a Brush Grapple Bucket. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU. Features and use of the bucket were discussed.
- H. Consideration of Second Reading of Rules and Regulation. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. MCU.
- I. Consideration of Heart of Iowa Nature Trail Master Plan. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU. Cities along the trail are supportive of the plan. Future law enforcement strategies related to the plan need to be considered as well as increased signage in and near trail cities.
- J. Consideration of the Operations Manual. MOTION by Franz to approve the manual with clarification of the sponsorship guidelines and research permit sections, SECOND by Pease. MCU. The Director will look into the history behind not naming shelters and structures after donors.

K. Consideration of the Trails/Natural Resource Technician Position for Story County Conservation. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU. The Director clarified where this position fits in the SCC organizational chart.

10. UPDATES:

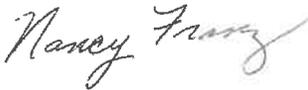
A. General Updates: Michael Cox, Director- He thanked Board members for actions to thwart anticonservation bills introduced in the Iowa Legislature. More support will be needed as bills more forward. SCC staff and board members will be accepting a stormwater management award for and presenting a workshop on the Tedesco Environmental Learning Coordinator at the Iowa Water Conference.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Christine-the last Partners meeting was cancelled. Nancy-the Trailgate Party being held April 14 has a variety of organizations providing exhibits, the OWLS presentation on Bryce and Zion Parks was well attended, and the environmental literacy club is facilitated well by the naturalist. Ted-participating in the Iowa Water Conference TELC award and presentation. Jim-participating in the Iowa Water Conference TELC award and presentation, assisting with planning the Dakins Lake cabin, attended the HOINT meeting with cities along the trail, and meeting with Mark Ackleson on future capital needs.

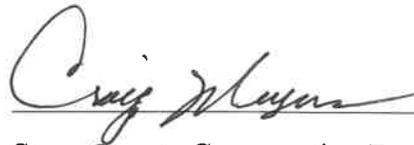
C. Other-none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



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