

Story County Conservation Board  
September 10, 2019  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
Craig Meyers - present	Mike Cox	
Christine Laumer – present	Marianne Harrelson	
Nancy Franz – present	Luke Feilmeier	
Ted Tedesco – present	Nick Keefer	
Jim Pease – present		
Linda Murken – present		

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

STAFF REPORT- Luke Feilmeier, Park Ranger, presented his annual report. Luke introduced new staff member, Nick Keefer. Nick is from Baraboo, WI and attended Northland College where he received his Bachelors in Natural Sciences with an emphasis in Forestry. Luke's report included a review of the Hickory Grove Lake restoration project. Final details on the drawdown of the lake is still being worked out with the Iowa DNR. Director Cox mentioned that the board will need to be looking at improvements to the upper parking area of the north boat ramp and resurfacing the roads in the park. The beach house foundation is set. The building should be here in about a month. A new parking lot has been installed at Jennett Heritage Area and signage is in place.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2019. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer. Approved with correcting a couple typing errors. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Director Cox clarified that Howrey Construction is billing for work on HOINT. Payment to Ray O'Herron was for ammunition and payment to the ISU Treasurer's Office was for a plant identification. MCU.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Director Cox stated that expenses and revenues are consistent with the budget projections.

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wild Women of the Woods is on September 20-21 and is being held at McFarland Park. The next conservation board meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> is the dedication of the paved portion of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail in Slater. The next TEAM day is

October 19<sup>th</sup>. The November conservation board meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>. The December and January board meetings will be held at the Administration Building in Nevada in the Board of Supervisors meeting room while the multipurpose room is being remodeled. It was also noted that we might have to move the December meeting date up in order to meet our deadline for budget submission.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consideration Of Contract With RW Excavating For Purchase And Hauling Of Class E Revetment. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. MCU.
- B. Proposal For Memorial Bench At East Peterson Park. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Resolution #2020-01 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For A Norstar NSC-RS2000-GS-500 Sprayer Skid Unit. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Resolution #2020-02 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For An Isuzu NPR-HD Cab Over Truck. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Director Cox explained that the DOT received more applications this year and that they are spreading out their funding this year as to why we did not receive the full amount that we requested. MCU.
- E. Approve Resolution #2020-03 Endorsing A Grant Application To The Iowa Federal Recreational Trails Program for Hard Surfacing/Trail Improvements On The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail from Cambridge To County Highway S-14. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. Director Cox indicated that we have a lot of momentum right now and we would like to continue advancing with this trail. This would be Phase 3 of the HOINT project. This is one of the most problematic sections of the trail. There has been water damage, grading concerns and seeping hillsides. We have not determined the amount that we would like to request for the grant at this time. MCU.
- F. Consideration Of Final Plans Specifications And Form Of Contract For The Dakins Lake Sustainable Energy Cabin. MOTION by Tedesco to table this until a further unspecified date, SECOND by Pease. Board Member Pease stated that there have been numerous meetings/discussion about this project the final cost opinion was unexpectedly high. A significant portion of the expenses are for site preparation. MCU.

10. UPDATES:

- A. General Updates: Director Cox hopes to have the remaining four easements for the TELC Phase 3 trail on the next meeting agenda. We received a State Recreational Trail Grant for \$530,000 for the Phase 2 paving of the HOINT. We have a meeting with all of the cities

along the Praeri Rail Trail scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00PM here at the Conservation Center. Director Cox gave an update on the progress of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land disposal.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz is going to be attending the Master Conservationist program. Director Cox stated that this program was develop by Board Member Pease in the early 90's in Story County, then it went state wide after two years. Laumer commented on the Partners tour at Hickory Grove Park. She thought it was a good way to engage our members. Tedesco talked about the cleanup at McFarland Park. Members of the fish club and other members of the community helped clean up the lake and shoreline. He and Director Cox are doing a program at First Methodist Church to a circle group that is very interested in TELC. Pease indicated that he is the President of the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park and this week, the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association, is holding their convention in Ames. He is giving a presentation to them about "friends groups". Tedesco wanted to know when we will be seeing the Friedrich addition again. Director Cox indicated that he has a meeting scheduled with Friedrich and he will be giving them a list of protective measures that we developed. Meyers wanted everyone to know about a public meeting for the possible disposition of the Conservation Education Center at Springbrook.

C. Other – none.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.



Recording Secretary



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