

STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION *PARTNERS*

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Story County Conservation Center

56461 180th St., Ames

1. Jerry Keys called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	STAFF
John Pohlman	Jerry Keys
Susan Siev	
3. Review agenda and handouts
No Comments
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from July 11, 2019 meeting approved as read.
5. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Currently at 179 members. This year we have gained three new members.
6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
To date, we have raised \$4,350 towards our goal of \$24,000 for the construction of a sustainable cabin at Dakins Lake.
7. Dakins Lake Cabin update
Construction of the cabin did not go out for bid this fall as the estimated cost was above budgeted amount due to unforeseen site prep costs. Fundraising will continue as planned.
8. September tour at Hickory Grove Park
The tour was good but not many *Partners* members attended. There was discussion on how to increase future attendance at events like this. Jerry reviewed the 2017 *Partners* survey and noted that only 12%-15% of members are interested in attending *Partners* only events. Susan and John feel these events are worthwhile and should continue.
9. Communications
No communications
10. Other
Suggested by Susan that after the Hickory Grove Lake project is complete to have a free day of canoeing and tour by water for *Partners* members. Other member only activity suggested was a wild berry picking program.

There was discussion and a decision to hold the *Partners* Advisory meetings quarterly instead of every other month. The new schedule is below.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

2020

Thursday, January 2	6:30 PM	<i>Partners Advisory meeting</i>
Thursday, April 2	6:30 PM	<i>Partners Advisory meeting</i>
Thursday, July 2	6:30 PM	<i>Partners Advisory meeting</i>
Thursday, October 1	6:30 PM	<i>Partners Advisory meeting</i>

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.