

Story County Conservation Board
December 9, 2019
Story County Administration Building, Nevada, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers - present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Ted Tedesco – absent

Jim Pease – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Steve Lekwa

Joyce Hornstein

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Joyce Hornstein made comment about usage of the HOINT in the Huxley area. Mike Meetz presented Craig Meyer with the 2019 Olav Smedal Award. Meyers was a 4-H youth leader for over 25 years and lead many youth hiking\backpacking endeavors. He received a National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Program award in 2000 and is a volunteer hunter educator and was instrumental in the youth hunter education state challenge by helping with the computer program software that helped with their scoring.

5. STAFF REPORT- None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019. MOTION by Franz with two corrections that were indicated before the meeting, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. Meyers questioned what the claim to Border States Industries was for. Harrelson clarified this was a charge from Facilities for the Multipurpose Room remodel. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Pease indicated that the “transaction fees for on-line registrations” was much higher than what was budgeted. Harrelson clarified that the credit card processing fees and the event fees that we are being charged is a lot more due to more people using the on-line reservation system for camping and programs. Pease also questioned the overage on the “watershed improvements at HG” and that was due to an amendment from the FY19 budget did not get carried forward to FY20. It will be amended at a later date.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Meyers pointed out that the Conservation Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th, close 2 hours early on December 31st and closed January 1st. January 2nd is the Partners meeting and January 7th is the next OWLS meeting with Jim Pease as the speaker. Cox

reminded the board of the PRT listening session on January 14th at 6:00PM at the Legion Hall in McCallsburg and the Hannum's Mill public meeting on December 11th at 6:00PM at the Ames Public Library. The January 13th meeting will be held at the Administration Building in Nevada in the Board of Supervisors.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Action Forms

1. Conservation Technician new hire effective 12/10/19, Dillon Schmidt @ \$17.53/hr.
 2. Outreach Assistant new hire effective 1/13/20, Paige Henggeler @ \$11.25/hr.
- MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

B. Approve Story County Conservation Board Meeting Dates For 2020. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Franz. Members discussed some dates that they would not be available, but decided to keep the meetings scheduled as they were and make changes later if needed closer to the dates. MCU.

C. Consideration of REAP Agreement With The Iowa Department Of Natural Resources For The Purchase Of The Wicks Wildlife Area. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

D. Consideration Of Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance Grant Agreement With The Iowa Department Of Transportation. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

E. Consideration Of Cooperative Agreement Between Story County Conservation And Prairie Rivers Of Iowa RC And D. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Prairie Rivers will implement a 10-year monitoring plan, coordinate outreach, coordinate sampling events and overall efforts and be the clearing house for the data. Pease is very pleased with the number of partners contributing to the project. Cox mentioned that we have an additional \$75,000 in the county-wide budget. \$50,000 of that is for coordination and outreach which this amount would come out of. MCU.

F. Consideration Of Contracting With Hall's Backhoe And Trenching For Hydrant Replacement At Dakins Lake For \$4,999.00. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

G. Consideration Of 2020 Legislative Priorities. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Franz requested to have some copies printed for board members to distribute. MCU.

H. Approve FY21 Conservation And IRVM Budget Proposal. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. Director Cox updated the board on updates and changes made since the last meeting. Murken noted that we need to add additional fees for the new law enforcement radio tower fees. The Conservation budget worksession is scheduled for January 15th at 9:00AM. MCU.

11. UPDATES:

A. General Updates: Director Cox thanked the board members that attended the REAP Assembly. After several meetings and discussions, it was determined that the best way to communicate with legislators is in an individual or small group setting and that we need to get the cities more involved in the legislative discussions. He gave an update on Hickory Grove. The beach house is complete and the lake project is almost complete. Testing of the spoils determined that they are of very good quality for ag purposes to possibly sell in the future.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Pease indicated that he and Director Cox have had several meetings regarding options for the Dakins cabin and with TPL for funding alternatives. They are still negotiating details with Friedrich on the Dotson property. Franz hiked with the ISU Women's Club at Robison this morning. She encouraged them to use our parks on their monthly hikes. She continues to work on getting sponsors and exhibitors for the 2020 ICCS Conference. New stairs were put in at McFarland Park for the November team day. She went to the OWLS presentation held at Northcrest. There was such a large attendance that some people had to stand in the back of the room. She continues to represent SCC on a committee charged with drafting a county mission statement. Laumer stated that she was impressed with all of the social media posts that have been going out recently.

C. Other – none.

13. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (j) to discuss the purchase or sale of a particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price of the governmental body would receive for that property. MCU. The board went into closed session at 7:05 PM

The meeting returned to open session at 7:32 PM

ROLL CALL – Present: Meyers, Laumer, Franz, Pease, Tedesco via phone, Murken. Staff: Cox, Harrelson.

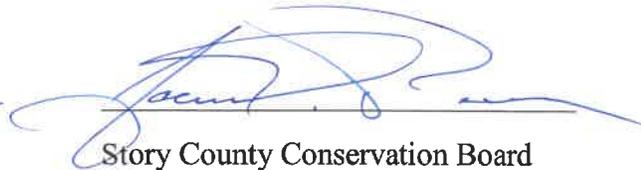
Approve Discussion From Closed Session. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.



Recording Secretary



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