

Story County Conservation Board
March 23, 2020
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

ROLL CALL – Via Phone

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease - present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Craig Meyers - present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
3. STATEMENT OF NECESSITY OF SPECIAL MEETING PER CODE SECTION 21.4.2(B)
Pease read the special note to the public: Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call to listen to the meeting.
4. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1
To slow the spread of COVID-19, and no more than 10 people at a Board meeting and to join by conference call.
5. UPDATES ON COVID-19
Pease indicated that there are now 90 cases of COVID-19 in Iowa. Murken updated the board on the status of the public buildings for the county. Most building are closed to the public, but employees are still working and providing services to the public. All current information can be found on the county's website. Cox gave an update on the Conservation staff.

DISCUSSION AND CONDIDERATION OF ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD WITH REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. Cox distributed a document on the Story County Conservation Board COVID -19 Continuity of Operations. Most of the items have already been implemented. The delay to open the campground and enclosed facilities has not been implemented at this time. Tedesco indicated that we should also include beach openings to be delayed. An amendment will be made to include beaches with the delayed campground opening. Pease asked the board to approve a motion to give authority to Director Cox to make necessary changes to this plan as needed with the continued changes that are happening daily. Tedesco suggested that the board give authority to Director Cox and the Board Chair. Franz added that it should also include or their designees. Final amendment as follows: There will be another section titled Authority. The statement will ready: The Conservation Board delegates authority until further notice to extend and modify this COVID-19 response plan to the Conservation Director and Board Chair or their designees. Notification of these operation changes will be distributed to all employees, posted on doors, at all parks that are affected, on the county's

website and via social media. MOTION by Tedesco to approve amendments, SECOND by Meyers. MCU on a roll call vote to approve amendments. MCU main motion amended on a roll call vote.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. This policy was adopted by the Story County Board of Supervisor on March 20, 2020. Since the Conservation Board has a separate handbook and policies, we need to adopt this new policy for Conservation employees. Since this situation is changing so quickly every day, Director Cox would also like to request that the Conservation Board somehow adopt any future changes to this policy by the Board of Supervisors. Laumer had some questions about some of the leaves, pay and working from home. Director Cox provided clarification. MCU on a roll call vote. A motion to amend the policy to include a statement to allow the Story County Conservation Board to approve or modify the policy in future changes made by the Board of Supervisors. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Franz to add to the policy, if there are further modifications to this policy made by the Board of Supervisors, that "The Conservation Board delegates authority until further notice to extend and modify this Temporary Employment Practices and Policies in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic the Conservation Director and Board Chair or their designees." be added to the Scope section of the policy. MCU on a roll call vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.



Recording Secretary



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