

Story County Conservation Board  
Monday, March 8, 2010  
Story County Conservation Center, McFarland Park

1. Vice-Chair E. Wilgenbusch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
  
2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	STAFF
Wayne Clinton – absent	Steve Lekwa
Erin Wilgenbusch – present	Jolene Van Waus
Ted Tedesco – present	
Don Toms – present	
Joyce Hornstein – present	
  
3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
No guests were present.
  
4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS  
There were no questions or comments.
  
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
MOTION by T. Tedesco, SECOND by J. Hornstein, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting. MCU.
  
6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS  
MOTION by D. Toms, SECOND by T. Tedesco, to approve all claims and receipts as submitted. MCU.
  
7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES  
Director Lekwa reported that all budgeted projects are targeted for completion by the first of April. Year-end expenditures will be monitored to allow for a 3 percent carryover for FY11.
  
8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS  
Wilgenbusch reminded board members that the next meeting is April 12 at 7:00 p.m.
  
9. COMMUNICATIONS  
Lekwa received a phone call from Dennis Orcutt, who lives adjacent to Robison Wildlife Acres. Orcutt would like to see an archery deer season at this park to control the deer herd. Lekwa advised Orcutt to bring a proposal to the board this summer.  
  
Lekwa also reported that a fairly significant memorial donation will be coming soon to be used towards playground equipment at Breezy Bay campground.
  
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
None.

11. APPROVE SECOND READINGS OF REVISIONS TO STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, PERSONNEL POLICY, SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT POLICY, AND OPERATIONS MANUAL  
MOTION by T. Tedesco, SECOND by D. Toms, to approve second readings of revisions to Story County Conservation By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Personnel Policy, Safety and Management Policy, and Operations Manual. MCU.
12. ACCEPT STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD FY09 ANNUAL REPORT  
MOTION by J. Hornstein, SECOND by T. Tedesco to accept the Story County Conservation Board FY09 Annual Report. MCU.
13. APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF TRENT DITTMER AS A WATERFRONT AIDE FOR SUMMER 2010  
MOTION by D. Toms, SECOND by J. Hornstein, to approve employment of Trent Dittmer as a Waterfront Aide for summer 2010. MCU.
14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OPTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT, AMES TO ANKENY TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT  
Lekwa explained that the proposed easement is for a new power line east of Interstate 35 to supplement power to the city of Ames. The perpetual easement agreement would allow access to county property to install a power pole at the far south edge of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail right-of-way. Lekwa added this should not affect utilities under the trail, and he sees no problem with the location of this upgraded power line. If recommended by the conservation board, Lekwa will forward the request to the county board of supervisors for their approval.  
  
MOTION by T. Tedesco, SECOND by D. Toms, to recommend to the Story County Board of Supervisors approval of an option easement agreement for the Ames to Ankeny transmission line project. MCU.
15. HEART OF IOWA NATURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE  
Lekwa announced that Special Projects Ranger Williams has finally heard from SCC's contact at the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding paperwork for grant reimbursement cash flow. No agreement is in place yet for the contractor to proceed with new funding amounts available. If construction work cannot resume soon, it is likely the contractor will have to wait for water levels to go down before crews can move on site.
16. OTHER  
Lekwa reported that discussions regarding the endowment are ongoing. The county attorney is convinced that the agreement entered into with Story County Community Foundation (SCCF) is not valid because it allows another entity to do something Story County cannot do—invest in securities, bonds, etc. A meeting has been requested with all parties to determine what can or cannot be done with donations already given in good faith. Lekwa said he hopes to have resolution by the April board meeting.

J. Hornstein urged fellow board members to see the Ding Darling display at Brunner Gallery. She was amazed at how much Darling affected politics. T. Tedesco suggested visiting the Ding Darling Preserve as well.

Lekwa noted that artist Brian Duffy mentioned during his presentation at the Ding Darling exhibit how much he loves riding the mountain bike trails in Story County.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Wilgenbusch adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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