

Story County Conservation Board
February 9, 2026
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Christine Laumer – present

Erica Place – present

Judy Levings – present

Jim Colbert - present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Ty Hamiel

Ryan Wiemold

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Ty Hamiel, IRVM Vegetation Management Biologist, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 12, 2025, Minutes. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Levings. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Place, SECOND by Meyers. Board members asked some questions, and Harrelson provided explanations. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Harrelson noted that the Auditor's Office had issues getting some of the financial reports completed for the January month-end, and the revenue report is not complete at this time.

9. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place.

10. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 9th. Celebrate Iowa's Outdoors Day is March 24th at the Capitol.

11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (All items under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Board votes on the motion.)

A. Consideration Of Contract Between Chuck Posegate And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Dakins Lake From March 30 To November 1, 2026, For \$240.00/Wkly.

B. Consideration Of Contract Between Teresa Scott And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From March 30 To July 12, 2026, For \$240.00/Wkly.

C. Consideration Of Contract Between Jessica Nelson And Story County Conservation

Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From July 13 To November 1, 2026, For \$240.00/Wkly.

- D. Consideration Of Firewood Contract With Finco Tree/Wood Service, LLC
 - E. Consideration Of First Reading Of Revisions To The Story County Conservation Rules And Regulation
 - F. Consideration Of First Reading Of Revisions To The Story County Conservation Board Safety And Health Management Policy
 - G. Consideration Of Limited Easement With The Iowa Regional Utilities Association In Section 19, Township 85N Range 22W, Story County, Iowa
 - H. Consideration Of Underground Electric Line Easement With The Iowa Power And Light Company In Section 22, Township 85N Range 22W, Story County, Iowa.
 - I. Consideration Of Contract Amendment With Shive Hattery For Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Signage And Shelter Design For \$24,000.00
- MOTION by Levings, SECOND by Place. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Acknowledgement Of Acceptance Of Fee Title Of Certain Land Owned By The United States Army Corps Of Engineers. Director Cox indicated that this has been a very long process. Supervisor Murken signed the Quitclaim Deed last week, and we are awaiting the signed and executed documents back from the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- B. Consideration Of Cash Rent Farm Lease Amendment. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Meyers. A farmer is paying us rent to crop the Deppe property before planting it into prairie next year. We are requesting that the board approve this amendment that removes the cash rent for 2026. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Final Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract, And Authorization To Release Bids For The Dakins Lake Cabin Project. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Levings. Wiemold provided some background and description of the cabin. Bid opening is scheduled for March 3rd at the Board of Supervisors meeting. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Final Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract, And Authorization To Release Bids For The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Shelter And Restroom Project. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Levings. Weimold provided information about this project. It includes a parking lot, shelter with a reservable kitchenette, and ADA restrooms. Funding for part of this project is from the bond initiative, with no general fund dollars. Bid opening is scheduled for March 3rd at the Board of Supervisors meeting. MCU.

13. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Watershed Coordinator position, the Habitat Stamp Grant, pole building bids, and a balancing change order for the HOINT project.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Place attended the workday at Christiansen and indicated that she will send out information about advocacy training for the Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation Trust. Levings attended an OLLI class on Emerging Water Quality Issues and the State of the Ames Community address. Colbert is going to write monthly SCC park spotlights for the Ames Voice. Murken indicated that the BOS finished the budget work session,

but they are not finished with the budget yet. They are waiting to see what happens in the Legislature, and there may be changes coming. Laumer attended the SCC FY27 Budget Work Session with the BOS.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Recording Secretary

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