

Story County Conservation Board
February 10, 2020
Story County Administration Building, Nevada, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease - present
Christine Laumer – present
Nancy Franz – present
Craig Meyers - present
Ted Tedesco – via phone
Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox
Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

Tedesco requested that item “M” of the Action Items be brought to the first Action Item.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

5. STAFF REPORT – None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Praeri Rail Trail Listening Session. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. With one typing correction. MCU.

January 13, 2020. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. With one typing correction MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. Franz questioned the payment to Terracon Consultants. Director Cox indicated that was for the Dakins Lake wetland mitigation. Meyers questioned the payment to Low Mar Farms. Harrelson clarified that this was for damage to tile outlet at Hickory Grove. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Pease questioned the amount for the REAP Development Grant for TELC, Phase 2. Director Cox explained that this was an internal transfer of funds from where the actual dollars were deposited to where they were spent.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The board meeting next month is on March 9th. Franz indicated that she will not be at that meeting. Pease made note of the upcoming Common Ground recording sessions.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

M. Consideration of Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Phase #3 Final Plans, Specifications And Form of Contract And Authorization To Release Bids. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. Tedesco commented that adding this trail connection

will not only add to Story County, but also the counties to the south and west. It will connect with the Heart of Iowa Trail, the High Trestle Trail, the Great American Rail Trail, trails from downtown Des Moines and other points to the south and west. Director Cox indicated that the bids will be released on February 11, 2020 and bid opening on March 3, 2020. MCU.

- A. Action Forms - Natural Resource Specialist new hire effective 2/16/2020, Brandon Clough @\$20.00/hr. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Contract With Conservation Corps Of Iowa For Trail Enhancement At McFarland Park For \$3,675.00. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Contract With Conservation Corps Of Iowa For Natural Resource And Water Quality Improvement Project At Hickory Grove Park In The Amount Of \$4,900.00. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- D. Approval To Purchase Dock Mounting Systems For Hickory Grove Park From Iowa Prison Industries In The Amount Of \$2,535 Unbudgeted. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. Director Cox clarified that this is for the concrete anchor system that secures the dock to the ramp. MCU.
- E. Consideration Of The Website Linking Policy. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. Director Cox indicated that this is a Story County policy that Conservation needs to adopt as part of the SCC handbook policies. Franz asked to have the 3rd bullet under "Policy" change to reflect the wording in the SCC Strategic Plan. MOTION with amended changes by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- F. Consideration Of First Reading Of Revisions To The Story County Conservation Rules And Regulations. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. Director Cox reviewed the changes/updates that were made. MCU.
- G. Consideration Of A Memorial Bench To Be Installed At McFarland Park. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- H. Approve Story County Conservation FY19 Annual Report. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. Approved with a couple corrections. MCU.
- I. Consideration Of Payment To The Army Corps Of Engineers In The Amount Of \$36,000 To Fund Completion Of The Phase 1 Cultural Study On The Lands Being Transferred To Story County From The Army Corps Of Engineers. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. Pease noted that the funding for this will come from the Energy Transfer Fund. MCU.
- J. Consideration Of Real Estate Contract - Installment With Jerald And Carol Ryerson For Real Property In Section 32 Of Grant Township. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. Pease pointed out that the payment dates were incorrect. There is a total of five equal payments. MCU.

- K. Consideration Of Firewood Contract With Finco Tree/Wood Service, LLC. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
- L. Consideration Of State Recreational Trails Grant Agreement With The Iowa Department Of Transportation. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

11. UPDATES:

A. General Updates: Director Cox gave an update on the proposed Dakins Lake cabin. Pease, Franz and Cox gathered information to answer some of the questions that the Board of Supervisors had regarding the funding for the cabin. Last year, the Iowa Cabin Task Force, published their handbook and it had information and criteria to score feasibility of cabins. We used this criteria to score how our cabins would rank against other cabins in the state. We will take this information to the Board of Supervisors to help answer their questions. Franz wanted to make sure that we emphasize our purpose of building a cabin at Dakins Lake was for education and recreation not hospitality. We received a draft report of our Conservation Finance Feasibility Study. It needs some review and discussion before bringing it to the board for acceptance. Cox and several board members are going to attend the Colo City Council in March to discuss the possible sewer connection to Hickory Grove. He handed out a strategic planning framework draft and asked the board to review and make changes/add comments. We have scheduled the Hickory Grove Park grand opening for June 13, 2020. This is also National Get Outdoors Day, so we are planning a lot of different activities.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz reported on the January Trails Advisory Committee meeting. She is helping the Story County Quality of Life Alliance with their needs assessment process. She is also helping with our Service Enterprise recertification. Meyers indicated that he is trying to attend more of the Outdoor Alliance meetings. Tedesco mentioned that he and Cox are working on a project with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and he is planning to meet with some members of the City of Ames to discuss the parking and adding restroom facilities at TELC.

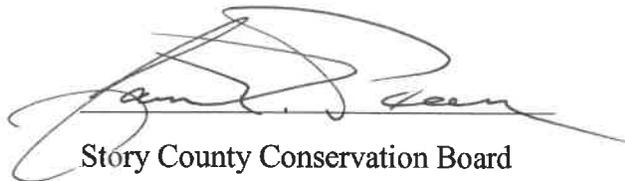
C. Other – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.



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