

Story County Conservation Board
August 14, 2023
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – absent

Jim Pease – present

Craig Meyers – present

Ted Tedesco – absent

Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Jerry Keys

Jessica Paulin

Amber Piatt

GUESTS

Kim Christiansen

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Marianne Harrelson and Jerry Keys introduced Jessica Paulin, Administrative Assistant, and Amber Piatt, Naturalist to the board.

5. STAFF REPORT – Jerry Keys, Environmental Education Coordinator, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 2023. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. Board members questioned a few claims. Cox and Harrelson provided explanations. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Beginning FY24 and amendments from the FY23 budget will be posted in August.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 11th. Staff appreciation will be on August 16th at Dakins.

10. 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 Proclamation Recognizing August 2023 As Water Quality Month In Story County

B. Consideration Of MOTUS Agreement Memorandum Of Understanding With The Colo NESCO School District

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Consideration Of Purchase Of A Kubota UTV From Bobcat Of Ames For \$51,684.00 (Unbudgeted). Director Cox explained that the current Bobcat UTV continues to have issues and is causing a lot of downtime. The model we have was discontinued shortly after we purchased. The motor was replaced March and has needed some additional

repairs since. Staff has been directed not to use the unit until a replacement can be purchased. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

12. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on HOINT paving in Maxwell and Collins, Deppe fundraising efforts, two USDA grants (one, partnering with the Great Outdoors Foundation), updating the REAP plan and REAP assembly dates, ISAC meeting next week, ICCS Conference in September, the closed session item discussed at a prior meeting is progressing, and our new county attorney. He also updated the board on the US Army Corps of Engineers, McFarland Lake Restoration, Soper' Mill, campground occupancy, and the HGP kayak/paddle board rentals.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Pease attended the REAP committed meeting. Meyers helped the IDNR with a Cultural Exchange program and attended another OASCO meeting, helping them to implement their strategic plan. Tedesco noted that he only has three months left on the board. Laumer and Meyers hosted our outreach table at Zearing Days.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.


Recording Secretary


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