

Story County Conservation Board
October 9, 2023
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Jim Pease – present

Craig Meyers – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Jacob Smith

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Jim Colbert

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jim Colbert, representing Story County Pheasants Forever, was told there would be a discussion about kestrel boxes and potential funding from PF. Director Cox indicated that there was not anything on the agenda regarding that. We are looking at reinvigorating that program and our IRVM department will coordinate it. A request for partial funding may have come from IRVM directly. Jim also mentioned the Pheasants Forever banquet coming up on October 21st. Mike Meetz reminded the board to nominate individuals for the Olav Smedal Award.

5. STAFF REPORT – Jacob Smith, Hickory Grove Shop Operations Supervisor, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 11, 2023. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – FY23/24 budget amendments were entered into the spreadsheet, but the reports in the packet provided do not indicate where the amendments were made.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 13th.

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 Contract Between Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa And Story County Conservation For Natural Resources Improvements At Robison Wildlife Acres For \$8,960.00

B. Consideration Of Contract Between Dan Moody Excavating And Story County Conservation For Tile Repairs At Hertz Family Woods And Nature Preserve For \$39,795.00

- C. Consideration Of Contract With Hill's Backhoe And Tiling For Trail Grading And Fence Line Clearing At Prairie Valley Preserve For \$21,940.20
 - D. Consideration Of Contract With Matthews White Plumbing For Winterizing And Re-Opening Of Seasonal Buildings At Dakins Lake And Hickory Grove Park For \$4,225.00
 - E. Consideration Of Change Order No. 1 For Soper's Mill Water Trail Access Improvements For \$3,140.00 From Tallgrass Land Stewardship
 - F. Consideration Of Change Order No.3 For The McFarland Lake Renovation Project For \$19,534.00 For Aaron Crane Construction
 - G. Consideration Of Authorization To The City Of Huxley To Temporarily Close The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Between 560th Avenue And 570th Avenue For Construction Purposes
- MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

11. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Hickory Grove wastewater bidding process, REAP assembly meetings, Soper's Mill, and McFarland Lake Restoration.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz attended the ICCS conference, Ames Park and Rec. Capital Improvement Plan public input session, biked the HOINT and HTT, attended and helped with the City of Ames Eco Fair booth and WWW, she also attended the OWLS Pollinators program and the Iowa Trails Summit. Pease attended the ICCS conference and assisted with the City of Ames Eco Fair booth. Meyers also attended the ICCS conference.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.



Recording Secretary



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