

Story County Conservation Board
November 13, 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

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Meetz let the board know that the REAP committee is reviewing their 5-year plan and he is wrapping up the nomination for the Olav Smedal Award.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 9, 2023. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Cox noted that the IRVM budget is at a high percentage of being used, due to their budget being fairly small and several large items were purchased early in the FY.

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 4th. The board requested the meeting be moved back to December 11th (2nd Monday) since the FY25 budget due date is being delayed one week.

9. 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 Resolution #2024-03 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For Bush Hog Rotary Mower

B. Consideration Of Resolution #2024-04 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For Prescribed Fire PPE

C. Consideration Of Contract With DDM Electric Inc. For Campground Electrical Pedestal Repairs At Hickory Grove Park For \$11,730

D. Consideration Of Contract With Finco Tree & Wood Service LLC For Dead Ash Tree Removal At Hickory Grove Park For \$24,000

E. Consideration Of Change Order No.4 For The McFarland Lake Renovation Project For

\$42,720.07 For Aaron Crane Construction

- F. Consideration Of Easement With Interstate Power And Light Company For Utility Installation On The Praeri Rail Trail
- G. Consideration Of Utility Permit With Interstate Power And Light Company For Utility Installation On The Praeri Rail Trail
- H. Consideration Of Hickory Grove Park Wastewater Conveyance System Project Final Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract And Authorization To Release Bids
MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Review Conservation Capital Improvement Plan. Cox discussed the Hickory Grove Park improvements with the board regarding the timeline, priorities, and phasing. Cox then reviewed the rest of the CIP with the board.

B. Review FY25 Budget Proposals - Cox and Harrelson provided explanations on the FY25 budget proposals. Board members asked questions regarding some of the items/amounts. After the board removed one of the capital projects, the tax asking request will only be approximately \$59K more than FY24. The IRVM budget remained essentially the same as FY24 with increases for inflationary costs and a request to construct a pole barn.

11. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the trails plan, Hickory Grove spoil sites, and the Deppe acquisition.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz led a workshop for First National Bank, hiked at West Peterson Park with the ISU Women's Club, met with a landscape design professor at ISU about placing art in our parks, hiked the HOINT from the Story County line to Hoy Bridge in Rhodes, attended the OWLS program on the Iowa Arboretum, and attended a retreat at Prairie Woods. Meyers attended the Pheasants Forever banquet. Tedesco invited everyone to the Ames Anglers Dinner. Murken attended a Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.



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