

Story County Conservation Board
March 11, 2024
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease – present
Craig Meyers – present
Christine Laumer – present
Nancy Franz – absent
Erica Place – present
Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox
Marianne Harrelson
Ryan Wiemold

GUESTS

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Ryan Wiemold, Park Superintendent, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 12, 2024. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place. Board members questioned a few claims. Cox and Harrelson provided explanations. Place questioned if the claims and receipts could be considered on the Consent Agenda. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 8th.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Action Forms

New hire effective 4/15/24, Lane Danielson, Vegetation Management Aide @\$15.00/hr.
Re-hire effective 5/13/24, Jacobus Reischauer, Conservation Aide @\$14.25/hr.
Re-hire effective 5/13/24, Sarah Gnade, Conservation Aide @ \$14.00/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Nadia Snow, Summer Naturalist \$ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Shelby Mielke, Summer Naturalist \$ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Carter Ross, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Jacob Sutton, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, McKenzie Stewart, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, William Johnson, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Ethan See, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Emily Rober, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/13/24, Hunter Hughlette, Vegetation Management @\$15.00/hr.

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers. Approved with the possibility of Luke Danielson's start date change to 4/8/24. MCU.

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.)

Pease requested that Item E be removed for discussion.

- A. Consideration Of Contract Between Chuck Posegate And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Dakins Lake From March 31 To October 31, 2024
- B. Consideration Of Contract Between Jessica Nelson And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From March 31 To July 15, 2024
- C. Consideration Of Contract With Brush And Weed Control Specialists For Roadside Brush Control For \$55,500.00
- D. Consideration Of Contract With Elite Construction For Installation Of Three Picnic Shelters At West Peterson Park For \$33,700.00
- E. Consideration Of Contract With Finch Livestock For Management Grazing In SCC Areas
- F. Consideration Of Contract With Mark Tjernagel For Management Grazing At Carroll Prairie

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Review And Approve The Story County Conservation FY23 Annual Report. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers. Board members suggested several changes and corrections. Updates will be made as requested. MOTION by Laumer to approve as amended, SECOND by Place. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of First Reading Of Revisions To The Story County Conservation Rules and Regulations. All updates were due to changes in moving the campgrounds to "Instant Pay" sites. MOTION with a waiver of the second reading by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Bid Award And Approval Of Construction Contract For The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Project Phases 4-6 To Wicks Construction For \$3,236,354.93. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Contract With Snyder & Associates For Construction Administration And Construction Observation Services For Paving The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Phases 4-6 For \$246,800.00. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Place. MCU.

13. UPDATES

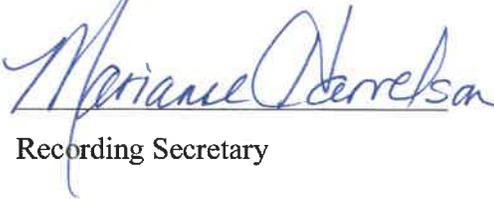
A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the HOINT Phase 3 and 4-6 projects, and indicated we received 14 applicants for the IRVM Biologist position. Interviews will be in the next couple of weeks.

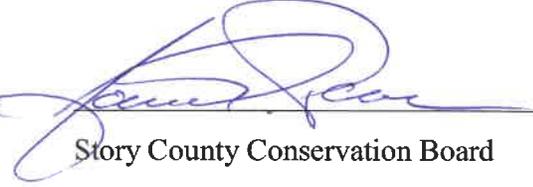
B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Place mentioned that she hikes at Christiansen regularly and noted the amount of usage the park receives. Laumer continues to serve on the trails master plan committee. Pease is consulting with Brandon Clough on the SAI landowner survey responses, commented on the

letter to the Ames City Council regarding the rezoning of some land around TELC, funding meetings, and he attended OWLS and Joe Kooiker's retirement party last week.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.


Recording Secretary


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