

Story County Conservation Board
May 13, 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 – absent
Nancy Franz – present
Erica Place – present
Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox
Marianne Harrelson
Pat Shehan
Ty Hamiel

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Cox introduced Ty Hamiel as the new IRVM Vegetation Management Biologist.

5. STAFF REPORT

Patrick Shehan, Special Projects Ranger, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 8, 2024. MOTION by Franz, 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. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Pease questioned some of the budget line items being over and/or under-spent. Cox and Harrelson provided explanations. Budget amendments were also discussed as well.

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 10th. The Supporters Dinner is on June 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.)

Pease requested that Item E be removed for discussion.

A. Consideration Of Resolution #2024-05 Approving The FY25 Salaries For Story County Conservation Employees

B. Consideration Of Contract Between Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa And Story County Conservation For Natural Resources Improvements At McFarland Park For \$4,650.00

C. Consideration Of Contract Between Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa And Story County Conservation For Natural Resources Improvements At Robison Wildlife Acres For \$6,200.00

- D. Consideration Of Contract With Bo's Outdoor Solutions For Mowing The Praeri Rail Trail In McCallsburg For \$10,200.00
 - E. Consideration Of Easement With Interstate Power And Light Company For Utility Installation On The Praeri Rail Trail
- MOTION by Place, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Amendment To Offer To Buy Real Estate And Acceptance For A Tract Of Land In Section Twenty-Four Of Union Township For \$14,009.00. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. Cox provided information regarding the prior offer approved in March of 2023 and this amendment. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Naming The Prairie Valley Park Prairie After Dr. Roger Q. Landers. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. Franz requested and amended her motion pending an application form be completed along with the request letter. Meyers seconded the amended motion. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Second Reading Of Land Acquisition Policy. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer. Cox reviewed the changes made from the first reading. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Contract With B&W Control Specialists, Inc. For Drainage District Brush Control For \$11,375. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer. Cox explained why this Drainage District contract is being brought forward to the SCC Board. MCU.

12. UPDATES

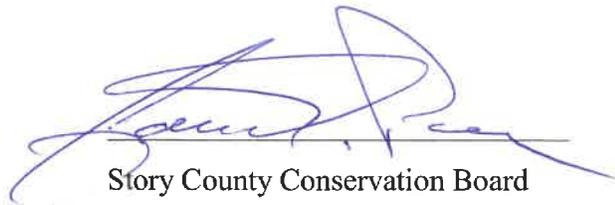
- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on attending community events, CJ Lee property, Hickory Grove wastewater, the interactive map on the website, the Supporters Dinner, TELC residences, and TELC trail re-routing and closure.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Place attended the prairie burn at TELC, the Trails Master Plan open house in Huxley, and the summer staff welcome meeting. Franz attended the Trails Master Plan open houses, the OWLS presentation on the Lincoln Highway, and will be leading a hike for the Women's Club Birders. Meyers also attended the Trails Master Plan meeting in Huxley, walked the trails at TELC and around McFarland Lake. Laumer questioned if we can receive donations during a checkout process on the MCP system. She also wanted to know if we do any staff recognition or awards. Pease has been attending multiple various meetings.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Recording Secretary



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