

Story County Conservation Board  
June 10, 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 – present  
Erica Place – present  
Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox  
Marianne Harrelson  
Brandon Clough

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Brandon Clough, Natural Resource Specialist, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 13, 2024. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

There was a discussion about how the fiscal year-end budget will finish.

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Pay adjustment effective 06/02/24, Lane Danielson @ \$15.25/hr.

Step adjustments for FY25

Effective 07/14/24, Sara Carmichael @ \$30.27/hr.  
Effective 10/20/24, Russ DeWall @ \$2,672.63/bw.  
Effective 03/09/25, Olivia VanderHart @ \$28.81/hr.  
Effective 03/09/25, Logan Heissel @ \$28.81/hr.  
Effective 03/23/25, Marianne Harrelson @ \$31.80/hr.  
Effective 04/06/25, Jerry Keys @ \$3,506.72/bw.  
Effective 05/04/25, Ty Hamiel @ \$3,099.43/bw.  
Effective 05/18/25, Jacob Smith @ \$2,607.45/bw.  
Effective 05/18/25, Michael Cox @ \$5,205.75/bw.  
Effective 06/01/25, Ryan Wiemold \$ 3,870.77/bw.

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz. 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.)

A. Consideration Of Cooperative Agreement Between Prairie Rivers Of Iowa RC&D And Story County Conservation From July 1, 2024 To June 30, 2025 For Water Quality Monitoring Services For \$32,000.00.

B. Resolution No. 2024-06 Endorsing A Grant Application To The Land And Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) For Assistance In Developing The Deppe Family Conservation Area.

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Consideration Of Change Order No. 1 For Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Project Phases 3a/3b For \$56,725.10 From Howrey Construction, Inc. Cox explained that the change order is for the removal of downed trees from the recent tornado. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Place. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Change Order No. 1 For Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Project Phases 4-6 For \$10,553.00 From Wicks Construction, Inc. This change order is for an area that needs repairs done due to erosion and another area that needs to be cleaned up from someone using the area as a dump site. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Place. MCU.

13. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated and showed videos of the tornado damage and possible funding sources for clean-up, potential grants that we are applying for, the upcoming Supporters Dinner, attending community events, the Trails Master Plan, and an upcoming meeting with the South Ames Ecological Alliance and ISU regarding soil and water quality improvement in the TELC watershed.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Myers has been hiking the trails at Hickory Grove Park, he attended the state high school trap shooting championships, noting approximately 4,000 kids were participating. Franz attended a bird hike with Mike Meetz and biked at TELC and the connector trail. Place has been compiling resources for memorial requests and participated in the TEAM Day event last weekend. She noted that it is very clear that we still have a dedicated group of people interested in doing trail work. Murken asked for an update on the TELC property development and Pease provided some information that he was aware of. Pease walked the trails at East Peterson and West Peterson Park, continues to attend the funding meetings, attended the last OWLS presentation, and is looking into adding solar panels at his residence.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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