

Story County Conservation Board
July 8, 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 via conference call

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS – Meyers asked for Item B (Handbook) to be removed from the Consent Agenda for review.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Meetz mentioned that Naturalist Bekah Beall took one of her summer classes out to his property to explore the marsh. He also wanted to make sure that everyone knew about Erv Klass’ passing.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Cox indicated that some balances will need to be amended from FY24 to FY25.

8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 12th.

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 Contract With Hoffman Construction For Installation Of A Concrete Ramp On The Touch A Life Trail At McFarland Park. (Unbudgeted)

B. REMOVED - Consideration Of Updates To The Story County Conservation Employee Handbook

MOTION by Place, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Updates To The Story County Conservation Employee Handbook.

Meyers questioned the wording in Section VIII, Housing Objectives – change the wording in the added sentence from “may not be” to “shall not be”

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. Both motions were accepted with changes. MCU.

10. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on legislation changes regarding public meetings, summer camps attendance, McFarland shop remodel costs, tornado damages and possible ICAP coverage for debris removal, Hickory Grove wastewater, McFarland Lake algae growth, and the Colo Crossroads Festival.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Place hiked at WPP and the Greenbelt. Laumer attended funding meetings and visited TELC and WPP Beach. Meyer will be helping out at the Zearing Days booth. Franz visited Dakins and McFarland Park and has been receiving good comments about the kayak vending machines and the solar panels. She is also helping the SCC Naturalists with career development plans. Pease gave an update on the ISURP property.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.



Recording Secretary



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