

Story County Conservation Board
December 9, 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

GUESTS

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Pease thanked Franz for her ten years of service on the board. The board would like to recognize Nancy for her service by naming a future trail in her honor. Cox presented Franz and Place with a “thank you” framed bond poster for their volunteer contributions to the bond initiative.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 9, 2024. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 13th. February 3rd is the SCC budget work session with the BOS.

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. Approval Of The 2025 Story County Conservation Board Meeting Dates

B. Consideration Of Contract With Finch Livestock For Management Grazing In SCC

C. Consideration Of Authorization To Magellan Pipeline Co, LP To Temporarily Close The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Between South Water Street And 610th Avenue For Pipeline Repairs

D. Consideration Of Authorization To Hunziker And Associates Construction To Temporarily Close A Section Of Trail At Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor For Site Construction Purposes

E. Consideration Of Amendment Two To Grant Agreement Between The Iowa Economic Development Authority And County Of Story For Improvements To The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Place. MCU.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Acceptance Of Acquisition Plan For Real Property In Lafayette Township Section 24. Place indicated that she must abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. Cox provided information regarding a piece of property that INHF will acquire and be made available to SCC for purchase soon. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- B. Discussion And Approval Of Story County Conservation FY26 Capital Improvement Project Plan. Cox reviewed the changes made since last month's board meeting. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- C. Discussion And Approval Of FY26 Conservation And IRVM Budget Proposals. Cox reviewed the changes made since last month's board meeting. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

11. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on project statuses, specifically bond projects, McFarland shop change orders, Destination Iowa Grant (HOINT) additional enhancements, and the need for a special board meeting via Zoom next week, and the latest update from USACE.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Franz has been orienting the new SCC board member, attended OWLS presentations in November and December, and let everyone know about the ISU Alumni "Rock On In Retirement" symposium she attended in November. Place visited Robison over the weekend and wondered what we needed to do in the communities where we had low bond vote results. Murken wanted to know if there was any update on snowmobiling on the HOINT. Cox indicated that we are developing a MOA with the Saylorville Snowmobile Club and are in contact with the county attorney and our ICAP insurance agent for further direction. Pease is finishing up on the bond initiative.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.



Recording Secretary



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