

Story County Conservation Board  
February 10, 2025  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present  
Christine Laumer – present  
Erica Place – present  
Jim Pease – present  
Judy Levings - present  
Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox  
Marianne Harrelson  
Ty Hamiel  
Ryan Wiemold  
Jerry Keys  
Bobbi Donovan

GUESTS

Mike Meetz  
Bob Hartzler  
Jeff Harris

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Bobbi Donovan presented Bob Hartzler with the IAN Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2024.

5. STAFF REPORT

Ty Hamiel, IRVM Vegetation Management Biologist, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 13, 2025 Minutes. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.)

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, 2025, For \$240.00/Wkly

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 13, 2025, For \$240.00/Wkly

C. Consideration Of Contract Between Leslie McVey And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From July 14 To October 31, 2025, For \$240.00/Wkly

D. Consider Firewood Contract With Finco Tree/Wood Service, LLC.

E. Consideration Of Contract Renewal Between Mark Tjernagel For Management Grazing At Carroll Prairie

- F. Consideration Of Story County Water & Land Legacy Bond Communications Plan
  - G. Consideration Of Landowner Agreement With The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) And Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) For Oxbow Restoration At Wicks Wildlife Area
  - H. Consideration Of Landowner Agreement Between The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) And Story County Conservation For A Prairie Seeding At McFarland Park For \$10,184.62
  - I. Consideration Of Landowner Agreement Between The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) And Story County Conservation For A Prairie Seeding At Hickory Grove Park For \$10,415
- MOTION by Place, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

#### 11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of First Reading Of Revisions To The Story County Conservation Rules And Regulation. Cox and Wiemold provided explanations for the updates/changes. Board members asked a few questions, which they also answered. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. MCU with suggested changes.
- B. Consideration Of Contract With Houston Engineering For Design Services For The Hannum's Mill Dam Mitigation Project For \$153,800.00. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer. Cox provided some explanation for the contract price. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Change Order #2 With Harold Pike Construction For The McFarland Park Shop Project For \$10,900.00. MOTION by Place, SECOND by Pease. Jeff Harris with RMH Architects and Wiemold provided information regarding items in the change order and answered board members' questions. MCU.

#### 12. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Hickory Grove Park sewer completion, trails master plan, Dakins Lake sluice gate damage and repairs, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the upcoming employee years of service awards.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Place went ice fishing at Hickory Grove Park and reminded everyone about attending the "Celebrate Iowa's Outdoors Day" on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol. Laumer reminded everyone about the discussions taking place regarding the "Ames Reads Leopold" event at the Ames Public Library on March 1<sup>st</sup> and asked for suggestions on how to move forward. Levings hiked at several SCC properties, attended the BOS budget work session, and has been meeting with several staff members. Pease has met with Cox regarding a few projects, and he also attended the BOS budget work session. Meyers noted that he has heard a lot of positive comments about all of the changes at Hickory Grove Park.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Place, SECOND by Laumer, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Recording Secretary



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