

Story County Conservation Board  
October 13, 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 – absent

Jim Pease – present

Judy Levings – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Jerry Keys

Marianne Harrelson

Jacob Smith

GUESTS

Barry Starmer

Craig Krapfl

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Jacob Smith, Hickory Grove Shop Operations Supervisor, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available to comment and answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2025 Minutes. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. 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 Contract With Matthews White Plumbing For Winterizing And Re-Opening The Campground Building And Shelter At Dakins Lake And The Campground Building And Beach House At Hickory Grove Park For \$5,200.00.

MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Levings. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Consideration Of Second Reading Of Revisions To The Rules And Regulations For Snowmobile Use On Trails. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Levings. The changes from the first reading have been approved by the County Attorney. Two members of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club were present and thanked the board for allowing them

to continue using the trail for snowmobile use. They provided information on some of the events and scholarships that their club provides for the community, and the use of the trail for those events. MCU.

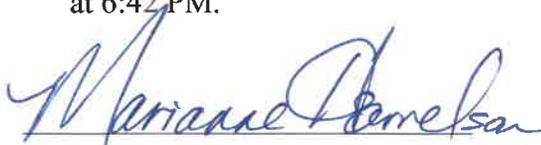
- B. Consideration Of Contract With Midwest Dredging For Hickory Grove Lagoon For \$43,590.00. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Laumer. This contract will have the lagoon dredged and applied to some land owned by the City of Ames. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Supplemental Agreement For Additional Services Contract With Snyder & Associates For Construction Administration/Construction Observation Services For Paving Efforts On The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail For \$9,000.00. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease. This is for additional CACO for the landowner field access. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of An Agreement For Termination Of Easements And Grant Of Replacement Easements In Lot One (1), Iowa State University Research Park Phase III, First Addition, Ames, Story County, Iowa And Lot One (1), And Outlot B, Iowa State University Research Park Phase III, Second Addition, Ames, Story County, Iowa. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease. The County Attorney reviewed the easements and suggested that we terminate the original easement and create a new one. MCU.

#### 13. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Jerry Keys thanked all of the board members for attending the Outdoor Alliance of Story County Donor Appreciation Dinner, the Story County Community Foundation reception, and the Pheasants Forever banquet.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements on the Board: Laumer attended the Outdoor Alliance of Story County Donor Appreciation Dinner. Levings recently attended the Iowa Trails and Bike Summit. Pease has been riding his new bike he visited the Polk County Conservation nature center, the ICCS conference, the Story County Climate Action Plan session, the Pheasants Forever banquet, the prairie seed harvest at Wicks, and the Story County Community Foundation reception. Meyers also attended the Story County Community Foundation reception and the Pheasants Forever banquet.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Recording Secretary



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