Story County Conservation Board
Monday, August 10, 2015
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Ted Tedesco called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
Ted Tedesco – present	Mike Cox	None
Craig Meyers – present		
Allen Weber – present		
Jim Pease – present		
Nancy Frantz – present		
Wayne Clinton – present (arrived at 5:36)		

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – None present

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2015 board
    meeting. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS
    MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers, to approve claims and receipts. MCU.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
    Pease asked if the Shive Hattery payment was the last one. Director Cox reported that it isn't the
    last one but that it's very close to being the last.

8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
    Tedesco noted the upcoming Community Input Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 and
    the IACCB Fall Conference September 17 to 19.

9. COMMUNICATIONS
    Tedesco pointed out the note from the Phelps family which recognizes all the great efforts of
    Story County Conservation and the youth programs.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY16 LONGEVITY INCREASES FOR CONSERVATION STAFF
    MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Franz, to approve FY16 longevity increases for Conservation
    staff. MCU.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY 14 ANNUAL REPORT
    MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease, to approve the Story County Conservation FY14
    Annual Report. MCU.

13. GENERAL UPDATES
    Director Cox reported the following;
    - Ames Town and Country Kiwanis recently completed the memorial pergola at McFarland Park.
    - Emily Herring, Story County Conservation naturalist, has decided not to return from maternity leave. The recruitment for her replacement will close August 10. To date, over 50 applications have been received. Pease recommended an exit interview.
    - Still no word on the formatting of the land at the Iowa State Research Park. Negotiations are continuing, but the DOT support for this project won't happen if the SCCB is no longer involved. The DOT money will go to land acquisition instead of mitigation.
    - Received a follow up letter from Central Iowa Water regarding the Hickory Grove sewer project. Overall cost estimates have gone up. The lowest bid so far is $236,000 which is higher than the original estimate of $230,000. The current bid includes rehabbing the current system which the original consultant advised against. The mobile home court near the park could join the sewer project in the future, and the SCCB would get a rebate. Lots of questions still to be answered.
    - Things are going very well with the water quality initiative. Director Cox toured with the water quality advisor on August 10. Will have an introductory meeting for Indian Creek watershed coming up.
    - Currently working on a staff get together. Tentatively scheduled for August 25. Time and location TBD.

14. BOARD REPORTS
    - Franz reported that she worked in a booth at the National Night Out with John Pohlman. Very diverse gathering. She offered kudos to Carol Williams for setting up a very nice booth.
    - Meyers reported that he attended the most recent meeting of the Outdoor Alliance. They are currently working on developing a fundraising event.
    - Tedesco reported that the City of Huxley is examining ways to fund their portion of the Heart of Iowa Trail. He asked how the Story County Conservation Board may be able to help, especially if there is a shortage of funds. Director Cox has also talked with officials from Huxley to see if we could help.
    - Clinton reported that work continues on the "flex" issue for county employees. There are still a few things to iron out. A counter proposal has been submitted. He thanked Tedesco and Cox for participating in the strategic planning process.

ADJOURNMENT
    MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease, that the meeting be adjourned. MCU.
    Chair Tedesco adjourned the meeting at 6:25.

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Recording Secretary   Story County Conservation Board