

Story County Conservation Board
December 7, 2020
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa via Zoom

1. SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: Due To Recommendations To Limit Gatherings To No More Than Ten (10) People In Order To Help Slow The Spread Of The COVID-19 Virus, Public Access To The Meeting Will Be Provided Via Zoom.
2. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM
3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
Jim Pease - present	Mike Cox	Mike Meetz
Christine Laumer – present	Marianne Harrelson	Joanie Tedesco
Nancy Franz – present		
Craig Meyers - present		
Ted Tedesco – present		
Linda Murken – present		
4. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1
5. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS – Pease requested that we move the FY22 Budget Proposals and the FY22 Capital Improvement Project plan action items to be approved prior to the approval of the minutes.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Meetz presented the Olav Smedal Conservation award to Ted Tedesco.
7. STAFF REPORT – None.

Action Items E and D were reviewed and approved at this time.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 9, 2020. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
9. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS
MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz. Pease questioned the claim to Rosemary Osheim being two payments. Harrelson noted that the payment came from two accounts and that it was a handwritten claim so the report makes it look like two payments when it was only one. Franz questioned the claim to Heuss for business card for Smith. Harrelson indicated that Smith and Simmons are the two new techs at Hickory Grove. Pease wanted to know if the concrete on an IRVM claim was for the new building. Harrelson confirmed it was for the approach for the new shop building. MCU.
10. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
Rangers are working on spending their project line items. Harrelson is going to meet with them at their meeting next Monday to get an update on their timeline.

11. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 11th.

12. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approve Story County Conservation Board Meeting Dates For 2021. Harrelson noted that the Multipurpose Room will not be available for the July meeting and other arrangements will be made closer to the meeting date. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Contract With Walker Brothers Roofing For The Hickory Grove Park Building Repairs For \$58,400. Cox indicated that an insurance adjuster provided an estimate of approximately \$59,000. Conservation was the only department that had damage from this hail storm in July. The county has a \$50,000 insurance deductible, so we will pay \$50k and insurance will cover the balance. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- C. Approve Story County Conservation FY20 Annual Report. Meyers questioned the accuracy of some of the numbers indicated in the report have not changed for several years. Franz noted that the numbers have changed since the last report. Cox mentioned that he recently reconciled our land records and the numbers are accurate. MOTION by Meyers with minor edits, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- D. Approve Story County Conservation FY22 Capital Improvement Project Plan. This Action Item was moved prior to #8 Approve Minutes. Harrelson noted one change made since the board reviewed in November. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- E. Approve FY22 Conservation And IRVM Budget Proposals. This Action Item was moved prior to #8 Approve Minutes. Harrelson noted all of the changes made since the board reviewed in November. Cox and Harrelson answered questions from the board. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS – None.

14. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on possible outdoor programing if the weather cooperates. Request for quotes are being sent out for hanging tree limb removal that will be part of the derecho FEMA claim. He would like to give kudos to the staff for managing COVID risks and mitigation efforts. So far, there has not been any spread in the workplace. All positive cases have been from outside of work. He is continuing to work on the agreement with the City of Colo for the sewer project.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Laumer attended one of our hikes the end of October and indicated that it was a little challenging for her due to being pregnant and suggested the people leading the hikes are aware of attendee's physical capabilities. Franz hiked at Hickory Grove park and commented that the park looks good and the new trail is really nice. She enjoyed Mike's presentation on TELC to Audubon. Meyers was at Hickory Grove too and agreed the park looks great. Pease has been driving to some other county and state parks and indicated that

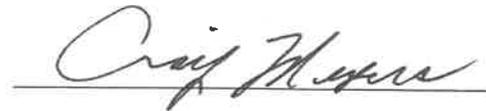
our parks are in better shape than most of the state areas. Mike Meetz mentioned that he spoke with Erica Place about doing more radio spotlights on what Story County Conservation is doing as far as virtual and outdoor programs. Murken is getting ready for the end of the year and budget hearings in January. The new county Board of Supervisor will be sworn in and qualify for office on January 2nd and her term will begin on January 4th.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.



Recording Secretary



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