

Story County Conservation Board  
September 13, 2021  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Jim Pease – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Jerry Keys

GUESTS

Rich Corcoran

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS – Cox requested that we move Action Item #1 to the beginning of the Action Items.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT – Jerry Keys, Environmental Education Coordinator, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 9, 2021 and August 18, 2021. MOTION for both minutes by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. The ICCS Conference is this Wednesday through Friday (9/15-9/17). A special board meeting/work session regarding the Deppe property is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Action Forms - McFarland shop Conservation Aide new hire effective 9/20/21, Dustin Patrick @ \$11.75/hr. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Updates To The Story County Conservation Employee Handbook. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. Laumer questioned where some of the items listed on the memo were in the handbook. Harrelson explained that a mistake was made on the memo referencing the sections. Meyers noted a clerical error to be corrected. MCU.

- C. Consideration Of Contract Number 21CRDLWBNNHOOG-0003 Between The Iowa Department Of Natural Resources And Story County Conservation Board For Streambank Stabilization On The Skunk River At Peterson Park. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Pease. Cox indicated that the adjoining landowner has already began the process of stabilizing the streambank on his property. This contract will complete the work on this section of land. Pease noted a clerical error that needs to be corrected before signing the contract. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Iowa DOT Reimbursement For The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant And A State Recreational Grant As Prepared By Snyder & Associates For The Paving Of The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Between R38 And 535th Avenue. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. Pease asked for clarification regarding this request. Harrelson explained that the DOT holds a five percent “retainage” on the grant funding until the project is totally complete. We must submit a request for them to release the final amount of grant reimbursement. MCU.
- E. Consideration Of Resolution # 2022-01 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For A Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For Prescribed Fire Personal Protective Equipment. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. MCU by roll call vote.
- F. Consideration Of Resolution #2022-02 Approving An Agreement Between Story County Conservation And The Iowa Department Of Transportation For Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant For A 2021 Chevrolet 3500 HD Truck. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer. MCU by roll call vote.
- G. Consideration Of Proclamation Declaring October 2021 As Watershed Awareness Month. MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Tedesco. Franz wanted to know if we have any special events planned. Cox was unsure and will check with the Watershed Coordinator and report back to the board. MCU.
- H. Consideration Of Naming The McFarland Park Touch-A-Life Trail Bridges And Fishing Dock After Phyllis And Paul Brackelsberg. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. Cox noted that Paul and Phyllis have contributed a lot over the 40 plus years that they have been involved with SCC and the Touch-A-Life trail. They also help take care of some of the prairie planting at TELC. MCU.
- I. Consideration Of Conservation Easement With Youth And Shelter Services, Inc. This item was moved to the beginning of the Action Items. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. Cox provided some details about the project and the requested conservation easement. Rich Corcoran, with Woodruff Construction, was in attendance and available for questions. Franz and Pease requested a couple clerical corrections to be made to the easement prior to signing. MCU.
- J. Consideration Of Contract With Nagle Signs Inc. For \$35,100 For The Fabrication/Delivery Of 13 Wayfinding Signs For The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Pease wanted to know what the signs looked like. Cox provided a printed example of the design. MCU.

K. Consideration Of Contract With Halls Backhoe & Trenching For \$4,990 For The Installation Of 13 Wayfinding Signs Along The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

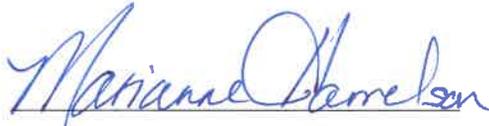
11. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Anderson Access streambank project. The meeting on the Deppe property is on Wednesday. He reviewed some of the details and roles for the ICCS conference. Franz noted that there have been several registration cancellations, but we should still come out with a net profit. Cox is preparing his presentation for the opening, introducing staff and board members. As he was going through pictures, he realized that we did not have a picture of the current board members. He would like to get a group picture after the meeting. Franz wanted to know if the board could do some kind of a thank you for the staff after the conference to show their appreciation. Something will be planned after the conference. Franz also noted some changes to the conference agenda for Thursday's banquet and Friday's tours. Cox reminded the board of his time off in October.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz attended the Bat Netting program that the seasonal naturalists lead. The mayor of Ames appointed her and Latifah Faisal to the City of Ames, Climate Action Plan supplemental input committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Recording Secretary



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