

Story County Conservation Board
November 8, 2021
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: This Meeting Is Also Being Offered Via Conference Call.

2. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers – present

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Jim Pease – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 25, 2021. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. 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 December 6th.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval For Purchase Of Hot Water Pressure Washer And Skid Steer Rotary Cutter For Story County Conservation For \$11,635.00. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Review FY23 Budget Proposals

Director Cox gave explanations on the FY23 budget proposal. The Conservation tax asking request is significantly more than last years request due to several large capital projects. Some board members had questions regarding some of the budget items/amounts and Director Cox or Harrelson responded to their questions. There are not very many changes between the FY22 budget and requested IRVM budget . The budget work sessions with the Board of Supervisors will be scheduled in January.

B. Review Conservation Capital Improvement Plan.

Director Cox gave explanations and answered questions. Discussions were had regarding some of the costs allocated in the plan.

12. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board that the Trust for Public Land has some donors that are requiring organizations to have a climate change program and diversity program. With staff morale being low right now and he would like to have TW Training come in and have one-on-one meetings with staff and then provide an analysis of the results. He informed the board about some land to the south of Ketelsen Marsh owned by Jerry Johnson. We have a 99-year lease on the land that we accepted in the late 1980's. It is about a 5-acre portion of his 35-acre parcel and we have complete management on the lease area. Mr. Johnson passed away and has no survivors that we are aware of and it is currently in probate. We are looking into the possibility of taking deed to the leased area and/or possibly a portion of the other 35-acres.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Pease attended the Prairie Rivers of Iowa county conservation watershed training for the volunteer water monitoring. Tedesco received some feedback from Northcrest members that attended the OWLS meeting. They like the new format and thought the program was really good. Franz has been hiking with the Women's Club at Hickory Grove Park.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.



Recording Secretary



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