

Story County Conservation Board  
April 11, 2022  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Jim Pease – present

Craig Meyers – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Sara Carmichael

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Dan Haug

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Haug with Prairie Rivers of Iowa presented the 2021 annual report for the Story County Water Quality Monitoring Plan. He reviewed the highlights from 2021, including accomplishments, key findings from the monitoring, and recommendations for monitoring in 2022.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 7, 2022. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Cox noted that we are getting close to the end of the fiscal year and we will not spend all of the FY22 budget. We need to submit our budget amendments before our May meeting. We will bring it forward as an acknowledgment next month.

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

9. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Pay adjustment effective 4/11/22, Thomas Haywood, Conservation Aide @ \$13.25/hr.

Pay adjustment effective 4/10/22, Jerry Keys, Environmental Education Coordinator @ \$2,802.67/bw

New hire effective 4/25/22, Casey Struecker, Outreach/Community Engagement Coordinator @ \$20.82/hr.

Re-hire effective 4/18/22, Sean Vellinga, Vegetation Management Aide @ \$13.25/hr.

Re-hire effective 5/16/22, Alexandra Ellsworth, Summer Naturalist @ \$13.25/hr.

Re-hire effective 5/16/22, Kaleb Ruffcorn, Conservation Aide @ \$13.25/hr.

New hire effective 5/16/22, Rebecca Baird, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.

New hire effective 5/16/22, McKayla Gartner, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.

New hire effective 5/16/22, Kylee Gehl, Summer Naturalist @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Hunter Glass, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Sarah Gnade, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Benjamin May, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Kellie Prince, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Jacob Reischauer, Vegetation Management Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Mattie Sheckles, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
New hire effective 5/16/22, Melanie Totten-Fetter, Conservation Aide @ \$13.00/hr.  
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

10. 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 Between Finch Livestock Exchange For Management Grazing In SCC Areas.
  - B. Consideration Of Purchasing The Standard Department Header Package For The SCC Website From Civic Plus For \$2993 And An Annual Fee Of \$683.
  - C. Consideration Of Contract With Halls Backhoe And Trenching For Streambank Stabilization On The South Skunk River At Anderson Access For \$36,950.00.
- MOTION to approve all Consent Agenda items by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Discussion Of 28E Agreement With Iowa Regional Utilities Association And City Of Colo For Wastewater Services At Hickory Grove Park. The City of Colo is reviewing this with their lawyer. They would like to have the Agreement on their May 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda for approval. Cox would like the Conservation Board to review the Agreement and make sure there are not any changes they would want to have made prior to it being on the City of Colo's meeting agenda. The Conservation Board did not have any changes and would like to move the Agreement forward to the Board of Supervisors if the City of Colo approves the Agreement.

12. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on INHF purchasing some property south of Cambridge. They are looking at doing some mitigation banking and will need an entity to hold an easement on it in order for them to use the bank. This area of land is near the land that we refer to as the Longnecker property. INHF also owns this property and is in the process of transferring some of the parcels to SCC and some other parcels to the state. There is a possibility of INHF purchasing more property in this area in the future. The two carbon pipelines are still being discussed. We have received a draft easement and that is currently being reviewed. He has told the pipelines that they will need to bore under the whole HOINT parcel, not just under the trail. Story City has not signed the Water Trail Agreement yet. He has had several conversations with the City Administrator and it is scheduled for the city council to review and approve. The governor just announced some new APRA funding available for outdoor recreation. He may apply for that funding for some of the projects we are currently working on. In order to apply for this funding, you must have sixty percent of the funds already secured. The City of Colo would like to hold the Colo Crossroads Festival at Hickory Grove Park again this year in July. He informed the board that, the comments received through the analysis with Terry Whitson highlighted the need for better communication. We are reinstituting our quarterly staff meetings and doing

some other things to improve communication with staff. He has approved Sara Carmichael to serve as an alternate on the county WMA's.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Tedesco and Cox presented the concept plan for the Deppe property to the Deppe family. They were happy with the plan. He suggested that we present the plan at Green Hills for some potential fundraising. Meyers is going to pass the Water Quality Monitoring Plan on to the OASC. He and Tedesco indicated that the lake water is coming up at Hickory Grove. Pease is working with some partners on funding issues. Franz continues to serve on the Ames Climate Action Committee. They looked at the results of the survey and there are four areas that she feels will affect us: active transportation infrastructure; voluntary recycling; electric vehicles and charging stations; and decreasing waste. She is presenting to the ISU Women's Club Gardening group on Wednesday. Laumer has been getting out and visiting several different parks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.



Recording Secretary



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