

Story County Conservation Board  
August 8, 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 – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Russ DeWall

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

John Pohlman

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS – Cox mentioned at the June SCCB meeting, that the Hannum’s Mill discussion was tabled to the August meeting. We are not ready to have that discussion this month and he will give an update on it in the updates.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Meetz indicated three people addressed the REAP committee about submitting grants. He also asked for nominations for the Olav Smedal award.
5. STAFF REPORT – Russ DeWall, McFarland Shop Operations Supervisor, submitted a written annual report. He reviewed the report and was available for comments and to answer questions.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
July 11, 2022. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS  
MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease. 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 September 12<sup>th</sup>.
10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS  
A. Step and Longevity Adjustments for September 2022  
Effective 9/25/22, Elizabeth Waage @ \$25.78/hr.  
Effective 9/25/22, Hunter Simmons @ \$23.28/hr.  
MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
11. 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 with Bo’s Outdoor Solutions For Mowing The Prairie Rail Trail in McCallsburg  
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Consideration Of Proclamation Recognizing August 2022 As Water Quality Month In Story County. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. Cox indicated the BOS approved this proclamation a couple of weeks ago. This is for a National Water Quality Month. We will have a Watershed Awareness month in October. MCU.

13. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the status of the Hickory Grove sewer, Hannums Mill, and the Dakins Cabin projects. There was a discussion about how the board would like to prioritize and proceed with each project. The board determined that the Hickory Grove sewer project needs to be a priority along with submitting a grant for the Hannum's Mill project. Cox also let the board know that we received five proposals for master planning at Hickory Grove and McFarland Park. The review committee scored the proposals and selected a firm to get a contract with to have approved at next month's meeting.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz continues to work with the DEI committee and working on drafting the Strategic Plan. There is nothing new with the Ames Climate Action Plan. She biked a Polk County trail last week and got to see them using a trail blower. Pease has been working on and attending meetings for the Dakins Cabin and Hannum's Mill projects. Tedesco asked about the status of the Corps project. Cox indicated that the SHPO had some more questions that needed to be answered by the USACE. Tedesco was impressed with how involved the staff was during the Strategic Planning work session. Murken thanked Franz for organizing and leading the Strategic Plan session. Laumer attended a Wild Tots program and has been out at TELC seeing lots of fish.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

  
Recording Secretary

  
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