

Story County Conservation Board
October 10, 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 – absent

Linda Murken – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Jake Smith

Ryan Wiemold

Hunter Simmons

GUESTS

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT – Jacob Smith, Hickory Grove 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

September 12, 2022. MOTION by Franz with a correction to Item D, the motion was not carried unanimously, SECOND by Meyers with a wording correction. MCU with both changes.

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 November 14th.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS - None

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 Second Reading Of Revisions To Story County Conservation Rules And Regulations

B. Consideration Of Purchasing A Maverick Tile Finder System for \$6,775.00 (Unbudgeted)

A. Consideration Of Contract With Newsome Plumbing For Winterizing And Re-Opening Of Seasonal Buildings At Dakins Lake And Hickory Grove Park For \$4,750.00

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of McFarland Lake Restoration Project Final Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract And Authorization To Release Bids. Cox mentioned that staff, IDNR, engineers, and others have been involved with the design. We are putting a lot of effort towards accessibility and protecting the quality as much as we can. Wiemold provided some details of the project and design and was available for questions before approval of the plans. A Public Hearing meeting and bid opening will be tomorrow at the BOS meeting. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Award Of Contract To Butch's Construction For Repairs At 2809 South Riverside Drive Park Ranger Residence (Unbudgeted). Wiemold provided information on the necessity of this unbudgeted item. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Authorization To Ansley Ames To Temporarily Close The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Connector Trail For Construction Purposes. Cox provided more detailed information about the project and where the closure and construction will take place. He answered questions from the board members. Trail detours will be posted during the construction. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- D. Approve Story County Conservation FY22 Annual Report. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

13. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Hannum's Mill Dam Mitigation grant request and award, handed out copies of the updated Strategic Plan, Hickory Grove Park and Conservation Center master planning committee, the US Army Corps of Engineers land acquisition, a member of the public that was at the Colo Crossroads event held at Hickory Grove Park that has a medical concern from wading in the lake, the 2023 ICCS Conference is scheduled for September 19th to 21st in Pottawattamie County, and purchasing a table at the Pheasants Forever banquet.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Murken reminded that board about the Headwaters of the South Skunk River WMA open houses on November 10th. Meyers is spending time in the parks and presented at the last OWLS meeting. Pease reminded/invited everyone to the INHF reception - he is being presented with the Hagie Heritage Award, and he mentioned an interest in a new system (Motus) for tracking birds. Franz attended the Wild Women of the Woods event, led the ISU Women's Club on a hike at McFarland Park, and was asked to serve on the City of Ames' Walking and Rolling planning committee. Laumer attended the Ames Eco Fair and mentioned that she is starting a new full-time position at the ISU Foundation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



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