

Story County Conservation Board
November 14, 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

Ryan Wiemold
Marianne Harrelson
Brandon Clough

GUESTS

Lorna Carroll

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS – Murken requested that Item C on the Consent Agenda be placed on the next Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Lorna Carroll spoke to the board about an unexpected event that occurred at McFarland Park on November 8th (election night). Wiemold was aware of the situation and explained the circumstances as to why the event was allowed to happen. He also stated that staff would look into adding some verbiage to our Rules and Regulations to avoid this type of situation in the future.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 10, 2022. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES – Harrelson mentioned the budget appropriation to be done for IRVM.

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

A special board meeting is scheduled for November 16 and the next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

9. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. New hire effective 11/16/22, Madison Nolte, Outreach/Community Engagement Coordinator @ \$22.30/hr.

MOTION by Meyers, 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. Resolution No. 2023-07 Endorsing A Fish Habitat Grant Application For The Installation Of Permanent Fish Habitat During The Renovation Of McFarland Lake

B. Resolution No. 2023-08 Endorsing A Fish Habitat Grant Application For The Dam Mitigation Project At Hannum's Mill Dam

C. Consideration Of Utility Permit With ITC Midwest For Crossing The Praeri Rail Trail

D. Consideration Of Cost-Share Grant Contract With Iowa Department Of Agriculture And Land Stewardship For \$96,232.50 For The McFarland Lake Restoration Project
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Consideration Of Contract With Garden & Associates For \$15,000.00 For Preliminary Study And Report For The Hickory Grove Park Wastewater System. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

B. Consideration Of Notice Of Award With Aaron Crane Construction LLC For The McFarland Lake Restoration Project For \$932,779.00. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. We received seven bids for this project and three of them were under budget. MCU.

C. Consideration Of Contract With Shive-Hattery For \$101,600.00 For McFarland Lake Restoration Construction Administration Services. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

D. Review FY24 Budget Proposals. Wiemold and Harrelson provided explanations on the FY24 budget proposal. The Conservation tax asking request is less than last year's request. Board members had questions regarding some of the items/amounts and Wiemold or Harrelson responded. There were not many changes to the IRVM from last year's request. The budget work sessions with the Board of Supervisors will be scheduled in January.

E. Review Conservation Capital Improvement Plan. Wiemold provided explanations and answered questions. Discussions were had regarding some of the costs allocated in the plan.

12. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Wiemold updated the board on the Hickory Grove Park and Conservation Center master planning, the Dakins cabin is sitting idle until some of the higher priority projects get worked through, the Headwaters WMA open houses, and the energy audit review.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz hiked the Skunk River Greenbelt, attended the OWLS program, working on the master planning and DEI plan, and the City of Ames Climate Action Plan. Pease thanked everyone for attending the INHR reception for him receiving the Hagie Heritage Award. He is also working with Shive-Hattery on the master plans, attended one of the WMA open house, and is presenting at the Ames Anglers banquet. Laumer attended one of the WMA open houses. Murken has been out campaigning for her Board of Supervisor's seat and was re-elected.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.


Recording Secretary


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