

Story County Conservation Board
December 5, 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

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Director Cox introduced Madison Nolte, Outreach/Community Engagement Coordinator to the board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 14, 2022. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU with one typo correction.

November 16, 2022. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

8. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 9th.

9. 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. Approval Of Story County Conservation Board Meeting Dates For 2023

B. Consideration Of Contract Between Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa And Story County Conservation For Natural Resources Improvements At SCC Parks For \$5,600

C. Consideration Of Contract Between Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa And Story County Conservation For Natural Resources Improvements At SCC Parks For \$5,600

D. Consideration Of Contract With Finco Tree Service For Removing Ash Trees And Stumps Along The Praeri Rail Trail In McCallsburg For \$9,600

E. Consideration Of Cooperative Agreement Extension Through June 30, 2023 With Prairie Rivers Of Iowa For Water Quality Monitoring Services

F. Consideration Of Iowa Low-Head Dam Safety Grant Agreement With The Iowa Department Of Natural Resources

G. Consideration Of Conservation Easement Granted By William And Mary Kay Vogel For Natural Resource Protection And Recreational Trail Use

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Soper's Mill Access Improvements Project Final Plans, Specifications, Form Of Contract And Authorization To Release Invitation For Bids. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. The main access and parking area will be a little bit higher to make it more flood resistant. The parking area will also be expanded a little bit to the south. The cost opinion came in slightly higher than originally anticipated by the engineer. We asked the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for approval to combine the two DNR grants that we received on this project and they approved. MCU.
- B. Approve FY24 Conservation and IRVM Budget Proposals. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. Cox reviewed all of the changes that were made since the board's review at the last meeting. The budget worksession with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for January 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM. MCU.
- C. Approval of Story County Conservation FY24 Capital Improvement Plan. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. Cox reviewed changes made since last month's board review. Franz suggested a couple of changes and Cox will make the updates before the CIP is presented to the BOS. MCU.

11. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the McFarland Lake renovation, master planning efforts, the Headwaters WMA plan, and the Prairie Valley Preserve wetland project.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Tedesco has been out to TELC and noticed that some of the photocells are not working. Franz hiked around McFarland lake a couple of times before it closed and attended the last OWLS program. Murken indicated that she will be recommending Craig Meyers for another term on the Conservation Board and also updated the board on joining the Iowa Drainage District Association.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.


Recording Secretary


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