

Story County Conservation Board
April 17, 2023 (Postponed from April 10)
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

Madison Nolte

Jerry Keys

Ryan Wiemold

GUESTS

Ethan Anderson

Terry Dvorak

Christine Hausner

Kim Christiansen

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Madison Nolte, Outreach/Community Engagement Coordinator, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2023. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

We will have some amendments to submit to the Auditor's office and will bring those forward to the board at the May meeting.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Supporters dinner on Thursday, April 20th. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 8th.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Action Forms

Pay correction effective 5/15/23, McKayla Gartner, Conservation Aide @ \$14.00/hr.

New hire effective 5/15/23, Alexandra Oglesby, Summer Naturalist @ \$13.50/hr.

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. 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. Consider Of Contract With Brush And Weed Control Specialists For Roadside Brush Spraying

B. Consideration Of Purchase Of Dock Gangway For Dakins Lake For \$1,215.00 (Unbudgeted)

- C. Consideration Of Purchase Of Map Panel Retainers From Nagle Signs Inc. For \$1,190.43 (Unbudgeted)
 - D. Consideration Of Cooperative Agreement Between Story County Conservation And Prairie Rivers Of Iowa RC And D
 - E. Consideration Of Second Amendment To Conservation Easement With The Office Of The State Archeologist For A Portion Of Lands To Be Transferred To The County From The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers
- MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Solar Power And Services Purchase Agreement With Red Lion Renewables. MOTION pending legal review by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Cox introduced Terry Dvorak with Red Lion Renewables and they both provided some information about the potential construction of a solar array at Dakins Lake. Board members asked some questions and they provided answers. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Agreement With Garden & Associates For \$75,100.00 For Professional Services For Hickory Grove Park Wastewater System Engineering. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. There was a question about two different amounts in the contract. Cox explained that the engineering design contract is \$74,600 and he requested them to coordinate the permitting and that cost is an additional \$500. Pease questioned all of the cross-outs and Cox noted that they used a general template for the agreement and those items do not apply. Cox provided some additional information regarding alternatives, costs, estimates, and future expenses. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Purchasing Property From The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation With A Loan From The Conservation Trust Fund. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. Pease commented that this is a good thing to save us money and preserve our partnership with INHF. Cox provided some information about the acquisition costs and the SCC revenue fund balances to date. He also mentioned that any donations received during fundraising efforts for the property will be deposited back into the Trust Fund. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Request To Story County Board Of Supervisors Of Additional American Rescue Plan Act Funds For The Hickory Grove Wastewater System Replacement. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

13. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Hickory Grove Park and Conservation Center master plans, and noted that the easement for YSS discussed at last month's meeting is not going to proceed due to a gas line in the area that they want to use.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz attended a women's club hike at TELC, an ISU Garden Club presentation by IRVM staff, hiked at Osheim, and is continuing to serve on the City of Ames Climate Action Plan. Pease presented at the April OWLS meeting and has been working on the Master Planning process. Meyers participated in the SCC Photo Contest judging, attended another OASCO meeting, and hiked the Hickory Grove Park trails. Laumer attended the open houses for the master planning and has been going to TELC and seeing lots of ducks and geese.

14. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5(1)(c).

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU. The meeting moved into Closed Session at 7:09 PM.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU. The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:56 PM

15. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION (Only If Necessary).

MOTION by Meyers to advise SCC staff to move forward with the steps discussed in Closed Session, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.



Recording Secretary


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