

Story County Conservation Board
March 13, 2023
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 – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Ryan Wiemold

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Emily Naylor

Leanne Harter

Kim Christiansen

Amanda Ryan

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Update On The Hickory Grove Park And Conservation Center Master Plans – Emily Naylor, Shive-Hattery. Emily presented the latest conceptual plans/designs for the Conservation Center and Hickory Grove Park. Members provided comments and suggestions that she will update before the open houses.

B. Review of C2C Plan – Leanne Harter, Story County Outreach and Special Projects Manager. Leanne updated the board on the updates being made to the C2C Plan. Members provided some comments that Leanne will address with the other departments and update if needed.

5. STAFF REPORT

Ryan Wiemold, Park Superintendent, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 13, 2023. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Pease. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Year-end projections are showing that we will have to make a few amendments but it is not tracking as badly as anticipated.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 10th.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Action Forms

New hire effective 4/10/23, Mikaila Frost, Vegetation Management Aide @ \$13.50/hr.

Re-hire effective 5/15/23, McKayla Gartner, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.

Re-hire effective 5/15/23, Jacobus Reischauer, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.

Re-hire effective 5/15/23, Sarah Gnade, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
Re-hire effective 5/15/23, Mattie Sheckles, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/15/23, Fletcher Stiers, Vegetation Management @ \$13.50/hr.
New hire effective 5/15/23, Dylan Fahey, Conservation Aide @ \$13.50/hr.
Re-hire effective 5/22/23, Rebecca Baird, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
Re-hire effective 5/22/23, Hunter Glass, Conservation Aide @ \$13.75/hr.
New hire effective 5/22/23, Hagen Carter, Conservation Aide @ \$13.50/hr.
MOTION by Meyers, 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. Consideration Of Contract Between Finch Livestock Exchange For Management Grazing In SCC Areas
 - B. Consideration Of Contract Between Chuck Posegate And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Dakins Lake From March 29 To July 9, 2023
 - C. Consideration Of Contract Between Timothy Heimgartner And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From March 29 To July 9, 2023
 - D. Consideration Of Contract Between Terry Adams Jr. And Story County Conservation Board For Campground Attendant Duties At Hickory Grove Park From July 10 To October 31, 2023
 - E. Consideration Of Agreement Between Story County, Iowa, Story County Conservation Board, And The City Of Ames, Iowa For Funding Assistance For Water Nutrient Removal Practices Of Up To \$50,000.00
- MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Offer To Buy Real Estate And Acceptance For A Tract Of Land In Section Twenty-Four Of Union Township. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.
- B. Approval Of Amendment To Professional Services Agreement With Shive-Hattery For Master Planning Services In The Amount Of \$22,000.00. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. Pease noted that Shive-Hattery has already exceeded the amount of work on the original contract. MCU.
- C. Approval Of Fish Habitat Stamp Grant Agreement With The Iowa Department Of Natural Resources For \$53,880.00. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

13. UPDATES

- A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the possibility of installing a solar array at Dakins Lake, a proposed easement agreement on the HOINT for a water line to YSS, an acquisition loan for the Deppe property, the Hickory Grove sewer project, the easement with US Army Corps of Engineers, the Destination Iowa grant, Planning and Development's Natural Resources Ordinance, Prairie Valley wetland, Edge of Field day, and Hannum's Mill.
- B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz attended the County's DEI committee meeting, served on the Master Planning committee, attended some SCC programs, and facilitated a Strategic Plan with OASCO. Meyers attended another OSACO meeting. Pease has been working on the Master Planning process. Tedesco asked about the Ames Anglers' posting a report on the SCC website. Due

to the County's Social Media Policy, SCC would not be able to do that. Laumer is working with Cox on the possibility of purchasing a donation database.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.



Recording Secretary



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