

Story County Conservation Board
May 8, 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 – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

GUESTS

Diane Birt

Luke Monat

Holly Reid

Christine Hausner

Kim Christiansen

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Update from Outdoor Alliance of Story County – Diane Birt updated the board on some of the projects they have partnered with SCC and others to conduct.

5. STAFF REPORT

Brandon Clough, Natural Resource Specialist, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 17, 2023. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Harrelson reviewed the budget amendments that were approved by the BOS.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Conservation Department recognition and summer staff orientation on Monday, May 15th.
The next board meeting is scheduled for June 12th.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Action Forms

New hire effective 5/15/23, Amber Piatt, Naturalist @ \$22.71/hr.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. 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 With Bo's Outdoor Solutions For Mowing The Prairie Rail Trail In McCallsburg For \$10,200.00

B. Consideration Of Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant Application For Communication

Headsets

- C. Consideration Of Living Roadways Trust Fund Grant For Purchase Of A Rotary Mower
- D. Consideration Of Living Roadways Trust Fund Grant For Fire Personal Protective Equipment
- E. Consideration Of Proposal For A Professional Services Agreement With Tallgrass Archaeology LLC For A Phase 1 Archaeological Investigation On The Phase 3b Paving Project On The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail For \$15,343.61

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Consideration Of Master Plan For The Conservation Center At McFarland Park. MOTION Franz, SECOND by Pease. Holly and Luke with Shive-Hattery reviewed both plans individually with the board and answered questions. MCU.
- B. Consideration Of Master Plan For Hickory Grove Park. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Destination Iowa Outdoor Recreation Grant Agreement With The Iowa Economic Development Authority. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. Cox noted a discrepancy in the dollar amounts that were mentioned in the Urge Memo vs. the grant. The reason for the difference is that the Destination Iowa grant amount includes Phase 3b which we received other grant funding for and are completing independent of the Destination Iowa project. MCU.

13. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the plans for the HOINT after the City of Collins and connecting to Marshall County, the LWCF Grant, Prairie Valley wetland project, the EV vehicle purchased, the FY24 Budget, the HGP sewer update, the Natural Resource program for private landowners, and Ridgway's resignation.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Meyers is continuing to work with the OASCO. Franz hiked at Christiansen, attended the TELC burn, working on the Bike, Walk, and Roll committee with the City of Ames, the City of Ames Climate Action Plan has a draft online, helping with the Master Conservationist Program, met with Madison about the volunteer program and played at the new Dakins playground on her way home from Milwaukee. Murken will be meeting with Farm Bureau to talk about Edge of Field practices and cover crops.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.


Recording Secretary


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