

Story County Conservation Board  
June 12, 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

Pat Shehan

GUESTS

Mike Meetz

Jan Kvach

Kim Christiansen

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Meetz mentioned that he has an educational easement with Story County Conservation and the Waterbugs camp will be coming out to his property.

5. STAFF REPORT

Patrick Shehan, Special Projects Ranger, submitted a written annual report and was available for comments and to answer questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 8, 2023. MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

10. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A. Action Forms

Step and Longevity Adjustments for July 2023

Effective 7/2/23, Brandon Clough @ \$26.52/hr.

Effective 7/16/23, Sara Carmichael @ \$27.70/hr.

Effective 7/16/23, Tyler Kelley @ \$24.68/hr.

MOTION by Franz, 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 Resolution #2023-09 Approving FY24 Salaries For Story County Conservation Employees

B. Consideration Of Service Agreement With Rent.Fun LLC For Placement Of Kayak And

- Paddleboard Rental Stations At Hickory Grove Lake And Dakins Lake For \$30,000
- C. Consideration Of Contract With Snyder & Associates For Design Services For Paving The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail Between 620th Avenue (S-14) And Highway 65 In Collins
  - D. Consideration Of Professional Services Agreement With Shive-Hattery For A Mitigation Bank Feasibility Study For \$17,300
- MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers. MCU.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Review Water Quality Monitoring In Story County, Iowa - 2022 Annual Report

13. UPDATES

A. General Updates: Director Cox updated the board on the Prairie Valley wetland and trail projects, meeting with some of the tenants of the Army Corps of Engineers land leases, receiving the EV for staff use, the land purchase for the HOINT that was brought forward in March was determined unnecessary by the abstract company and Auditor's office, and staff will begin interviewing for the two open positions.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Franz attended the Osheim *Partners* event, presented at the June OWLS, helped SCC staff plant the prairie seed plot at Hickory Grove, worked with Jerry on the Master Conservationist program, birding trip with the women's club, and attend the last formal meeting of the Ames Bike, Walk, and Roll committee. Meyers continues to meet with the OASCO. They are working on standardizing their events calendar and did a study to see where their membership is coming from. He is happy that we can give awards out for the Photo Contest, and is enjoying the interpretive signs at Hickory Grove Park. Tedesco announced that he and Mike were able to get another donation for the Deppe property. He led another group of residents from Northcrest at TELC.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

  
Recording Secretary

  
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