

Story County Conservation Board
Thursday, March 14, 2013
Story County Administration Building, Nevada

149419648. Chair J. Pease called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Jim Pease – present

Ted Tedesco – absent

Joyce Hornstein – present

Allen Weber – present

Wayne Clinton – arrived at 5:20

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

Steve Dobernecker

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Steve Dobernecker, Mechanical Comfort, was welcomed to the meeting.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

There were no comments regarding the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Hornstein, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 board meeting. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to approve claims and receipts as submitted. MCU.

Pease noted that the claim to Iowa Prison Industries did not show an amount. Van Waus will research the missing information. *(Note: A partial entry was carried over from the February 4 claims list; the March claim entry can be ignored.)*

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox reported that the budget is on target. A couple of line items (including overtime and office supplies) are tight, but overall, there are no significant concerns.

8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Pease noted cancellation of the March 9 TEAM Day at Pleasant Valley Drive. Cox confirmed that the volunteer event was cancelled due to muddy road conditions. The county budget hearing follows this meeting, a geocache egg hunt is being held March 30, and the next regular board meeting is April 8. Cox said he would like a special board meeting in the next week to consider the bid for waterline repairs.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Pease announced that the board has begun working on the director's annual evaluation. After he receives comments from board members, Pease will meet with Cox. Pease thanked SCC for donating facilities for last year's Master River Stewards program and for

Natural Resource Specialist Amy Yoakum's assistance in the volunteer portion of the

project. Handouts for the 2013 IACCB Conference were distributed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11.....OPEN BIDS FOR HICKORY GROVE WATERLINE REPAIRS

One bid for the project was received from Mechanical Comfort, Inc. Cox opened and read the bid.....

12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION HONORING DONALD TOMS

Pease read the resolution, noting that Toms was a member of the Story County Conservation Board as well as a director on the IACCB board.

MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to accept a resolution honoring Donald Toms for his service to the Story County Conservation Board. MCU.

On behalf of the Story County Board of Supervisors, Clinton expressed his appreciation to the SCC board for passing this resolution honoring Toms—a former Story County supervisor.

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION HONORING DON GUSTOFSON

Pease read the resolution, remarking that Gustofson was a member of the Story County Conservation Board, a founding member of Story County Conservation Partners, and a leader in raising funds for the Hickory Grove Waterfront Improvement Project in the 1990s.

MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to accept a resolution honoring Don Gustofson for his service to the Story County Conservation Board. MCU.

14. APPROVE PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL BENCH FOR ERMA ARMBURG

Cox confirmed that the proposal meets SCC’s requirements for memorials. The location of the bench will be de.....

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Hornstein, to approve placement of a bench at Hickory Grove Park in Arm.....

15. APPROVE PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL BENCH FOR DONALD TOMS

MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to approve placement of a bench at Hickory Grove Park in Toms.....

.....Cox added that a site for the bench will be decided with the family’s input this spring.

16.AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

Cox stated that the LAWCON grant proposal will request \$175,000 towards the new showerhouse.....

.....Weber noticed that the resolution was dated March 14, 2014 instead of 2013.

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Hornstein, to authorize submission of a Land and Water Conservation Grant.....

17.APPROVE FIRST READINGS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION BY-LAWS

.....By-laws - Board members noted that the director’s duties need to be updated.

...MOTION by HORNSTEIN, SECOND by Weber, to table consideration of the SCCB By-laws. MCU.

.....Rules & Regulations – Cox commented that remote camping at Robison Wildlife Acres will be

allowed year round (as opposed to seasonal dates for other camping). This variation was inadvertently omitted when rules were implemented last summer. Placement of swimming area ropes at West Peterson Park beach will change swimming rules at that park. Cox added that the regulations and language will mirror rules at Hickory Grove for consistency and enforcement. The placement of ropes and designation of a swimming area were recommended by IMWCA as well. Cox acknowledged that this will not be an easy change and that enforcement will be difficult. Hornstein suggested that re-inserting the wording "Swimming is prohibited from sunset to sunrise" in 5.2.B. 1) a. and adding "only when the beach is open" in 5.2.B. 2) b

.....MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to approve first reading of proposed revisions to Story County Conservation Rules and Regulations with additional changes to 5.2.B. MCU.

Personnel Policy – Cox noted minor changes to the personnel policies and the addition of sections which follow

.....MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Hornstein, to approve first reading of proposed revisions to the Story County Conservation Personnel Policy. MCU.

.....Handbook for Child Safety – Cox noted minor changes and updates.

.....MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, to approve first reading of proposed revisions to the Story County Conservation Handbook for Child Safety. MCU.

18. GENERAL UPDATES

Director Cox gave these updates:

- The County Conservation Directors Association met during the spring ISAC workshop. One of the things the directors discussed at their recent retreat was a need to be more responsive to pending legislative issues with both the ISAC and IACCB lobbyists. A few of the directors are looking into improving this process, and Cox expects that discussion to continue through the CCDA and IACCB memberships. The directors will be developing and identifying some preliminary legislative policy issues at the workshop this week.
- Design plans for the Strum wetland have been received from NRCS. Cox will be reviewing these and working with NRCS. Cox asked board members to be thinking of a name for the area.
- Work continues on obtaining the necessary permits for the Dakins Lake Expansion Project. SCC staff worked on completing a forestry inventory today below the existing lake. Tree removal will start in the next week. Cox hopes to be able to let bids in the next couple months.

Clinton complimented Cox on his management of the project and his efforts in keeping the board of supervisors informed throughout the process.

Clinton reported that there has been no action in the legislature towards the 3/8 cent increase—even though there has been public support. He added that supervisors in many counties do not understand that IWill will not increase REAP funding.

19. OTHER

Hornstein requested that the board be provided with a copy of Robert's Rules of Order.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hornstein, SECOND by Weber, that the meeting be adjourned. Chair Pease adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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