

Story County Conservation Board
Monday, July 29, 2013
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair J. Pease called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Jim Pease – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Joyce Hornstein – absent

Allen Weber – absent

Craig Meyers - present

Wayne Clinton – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

Don Gulbrandsen

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Tedesco introduced his son-in-law, who was visiting from Indiana.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 board meeting. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to approve claims as submitted. MCU.

7. CONSIDER PLANS FOR PHASE I OF THE DAKINS LAKE EXPANSION PROJECT AND RECOMMEND TO THE STORY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

Cox reported that, after the board of supervisors rejected all bids, Shive-Hattery re-designed the project into two phases. Phase I will include construction of the lake in its entirety, rough grading for the whole project, and construction of wetlands. Utilities and site improvements will occur in Phase II. Cox reviewed each item on the revised cost opinion with Shive-Hattery engineers, comparing costs and looking at fluctuations with the first cost opinion. The revised cost opinion is \$90,000-\$104,000 higher, but Cox feels this is a realistic total.

Cox reported that promiscuous fishing may still be allowed, dependent on receiving favorable bids for Phase I and timing for the DNR to shock and release good-sized fish.

Board members agreed that they would like to see Phase II bids out before the end of year.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to recommend to the board of supervisors that they authorize solicitation of bids for Phase I of the Dakins Lake Expansion project. MCU.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR DAKINS LAKE
Chair Pease noted the memo from Special Projects Ranger Williams re: submission of a REAP grant application to assist with the Dakins Lake Expansion project, particularly funding for some of the owner-provided items. Pease added that these grants are funded at 100 percent.

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve submission of a REAP grant application for Dakins Lake. MCU.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGETED PURCHASE OF TRACTOR FOR IRVM PROGRAM

Board members reviewed bid documentation; Director Cox noted that \$2,000 trade-in will be received for the 1970's Massey Ferguson tractor.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to approve purchase of a John Deere utility tractor (including trade-in) for \$62,112.51. MCU.

10. OTHER

Pease noted a nice article about Ted Tedesco and his award as an unsung hero of Ames—a well-deserved honor. Pease also mentioned an Ames Tribune article regarding the Dakins Lake Expansion project and an Iowa State University website article about the new picnic pad at West Peterson Park.

Cox reported on the following:

- A letter of intent for a large grant (\$25,000) was submitted to the Story County Community Foundation for playground equipment at Dakins Lake. Story County Conservation may also apply for some of their small grants.
- Four Conservation items are on the July 30 board of supervisors meeting agenda: acceptance of a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant, approval of a lease for Conservation's postage meter, approval of the amended Stoll easement, and consideration of plans and authorization to solicit bids for Phase I of the Dakins Lake Expansion project.

Cox also briefed the board on engineering contract costs for the Dakins Lake Expansion project. The board complimented Cox on a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, that the meeting be adjourned.

Chair Pease adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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