

Story County Conservation Board  
Friday, June 27, 2014  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Joyce Hornstein called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Joyce Hornstein – present via phone

Ted Tedesco – absent

Craig Meyers - present

Allen Weber – present

Jim Pease - present

Wayne Clinton – present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

3. CONSIDER DONATION OF LAND FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Director Cox reminded the board that the county has been trying to acquire land in the Skunk River Greenbelt for many years. Dialog with the Corps resumed several months ago, and recent meetings with legislators in Washington, DC and between Story County and Army Corps attorneys have provided some options to move the project forward. The Army Corps will entertain the proposal of accepting disposal costs for the property (approximately \$150,000) if they receive some level of assurance that the county will accept the property and fund the disposal costs.

Clinton feels the board of supervisors will want to accept this acquisition; however, timeline and costs will need to be determined.

Cox reiterated that the resolution would authorize the Story County attorney and Conservation staff to move forward with the Corps in negotiating the property.

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Weber, to recommend to the Story County Board of Supervisors that they approve Resolution #15-03 to accept a donation of land from the Army Corps of Engineers and fund the Corps' associated disposal costs. MCU.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DNR LAKES PROGRAM FOR HICKORY GROVE WATERSHED

Cox commented that this agreement accepts funding for the Hickory Grove Watershed project just shy of \$200,000.

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Weber, to approve agreement with the Iowa DNR Lake Program for the Hickory Grove Watershed. MCU.

5. OTHER

Weber stated he has schedule conflicts for both the July 14 and August 11 meetings. Hornstein will contact board members via email to determine alternate meeting dates.

Hornstein mentioned that she stopped by Dakins Lake earlier in the week and observed small fish that she initially thought were minnows. Cox explained that these fish were the first spawn of largemouth bass from fish stocked by the Iowa DNR.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Pease, that the meeting be adjourned.  
Chair Hornstein adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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