

Story County Conservation Board  
Monday, November 17, 2014  
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Joyce Hornstein called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Joyce Hornstein – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Craig Meyers - present

Allen Weber – present

Jim Pease - present

Wayne Clinton – arrived 5:40

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

None

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

Chair Hornstein noted the supplemental revenue report through October 2014 and FY16 budget worksheets.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Meyers, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 board meeting. MCU.

5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Cox remarked that there have been some unexpected expenditures on this year's budget. Some budget lines will be tight; others will be adjusted. Weber talked about his experiences with GPS tracking devices on vehicles and the useful data these provide.

7. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Chair Hornstein noted upcoming events, including a board meeting on December 1.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Hornstein shared an article from the Ames Tribune about the legislators reception.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES AT DAKINS LAKE PARK

Cox commented that several benches in the same style shown are placed at SCC parks. The wording requested f

..... MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Meyers, to approve placement of benches in memory of Carrie Obrecht and Roger McCloud at Dakins Lake Park. Ayes: Tedesco, Weber, Pease, Meyers. Naves: H

10. REVIEW CONSERVATION AND IRVM BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY16

Cox reviewed IRVM and Conservation budget proposals with the board, adding detail to information provided on the worksheets and answering questions. Cox noted that seasonal staff hours show a small increase, but no additional permanent positions were requested. Cox will email information on comparable county conservation staff salaries to the board for review.

The board discussed new equipment needs, capital projects, timelines, and funding. Staff will research alternate garbage services to see if this expense can be reduced.

Cox invited board members to forward any questions/changes to him in the next week. Final budget proposals will be sent to the board for approval at the December 1 meeting.

#### 11. GENERAL UPDATES

The director gave these updates:

- FEMA repairs on the trails are near completion. Con-Struct has finished most of their work but has not submitted a bill yet.
- A grant application to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for a Water Quality Demonstration Project was submitted today. The total requested was approximately \$600,000, with about 50 percent of the funds earmarked for practices by landowners.
- No significant progress has occurred on the Army Corps of Engineers land. The Corps has agreed to forego Phase 2 environmental surveys in exchange for easements on known historic sites.
- Cox is working with Fox Engineering and a landowner on the Hickory Grove Watershed project. The final design will not be done in December as planned.
- Due to delays with one of the sub-contractors and extra time spent on design, the substantial completion date for the Dakins Lake Expansion project will not be met. Cox expects that the contract with Shive-Hattery will need to be amended.
- Cox reminded board members that funeral services for Bernadine Shaefer are set for November 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Zearing Christian Church.

#### 12. REVIEW PROPOSED BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2015

The board will review the proposed meeting dates and discuss at the December meeting.

#### 13. REPORT ON 2014 IACCB CONFERENCE

Hornstein suggested that this report be moved to the December meeting.

#### 14. REPORT ON IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD AND OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS LAW PRESENTATION

Hornstein commented that since handbooks that were ordered have not arrived, so this topic was also moved to December.

#### 15. OTHER

Tedesco said he would like to send an email survey to the legislators reception participants to help in planning future events. Tedesco also suggested that the board and staff should start working on rules changes for Dakins Lake, specifically whether fishing with live minnows should be allowed.

Pease inquired if the Ames Tribune's Unsung Hero Award had been announced. Cox will check on this.

Hornstein's board term is near completion. She has forwarded names of two interested people to Supervisor Clinton. Hornstein will follow up on the status of those applications.

Director Cox distributed a letter from Dakota Access Pipeline listing dates of upcoming public informational meetings in Iowa.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease, that the meeting be adjourned.  
Chair Hornstein adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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