

Story County Conservation Board
Monday, November 2, 2015
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Ted Tedesco called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Member	Staff	GUESTS
Ted Tedesco – present	Mike Cox	Mimi Wagner
Craig Meyers – present	Carol Williams	Lucas Buscher
Allen Weber – present		Jacob Wilson
Nancy Frantz – present		
Wayne Clinton – present (arrived at 5:37)		
Jim Pease – present (arrived at 5:45)		

3. Updates on South Skunk River Trail by Mimi Wagner, Iowa DNR

- Mimi Wagner, a faculty member at Iowa State and Landscape Architecture consultant, has been hired by the Iowa DNR to work on this project. She was joined by her staff members Lucas Buscher and Jacob Wilson.
- The project is designed to focus on designating the South Skunk River as a state water trail.
- The DNR is asking the Story County Conservation Board to be the sponsor.
- The responsibilities of the sponsor include;
 - Being the first point of contact
 - Leading, directly or indirectly, the implementation of the water trail plan
 - Maintaining the water trail's accesses and signage as per the agreement with the IDNR
- Three decisions will need to be made including;
 - The designation of the upper limit of the South Skunk Water Trail – “primarily the area from Randall to Story City.”
 - The extent of the designated portion, including a marketing theme. Several options were reviewed with a preference towards Story City to 265th Street south of Ames.
 - The experience classification of the trail. There are four classification designations;
 - Gateway – which was described as a bunny hill when compared to skiing
 - Recreational – a typical Iowa river designation
 - Challenge – includes an all time hazard
 - Wilderness – the most remote designation
- Discussion of the project included the following;
 - Tedesco asked about being able to preview the DNR agreement prior to a decision.
 - Franz asked about potential liability issues regarding various designations, especially the “Gateway” designation.
 - Questions were also asked about maintenance expectations – Wagner answered that those expectations will be provided in detail.
- Franz requested that this project be blended into the C2C plan
- Next steps will be the inclusion of this project to the December board meeting agenda

4. Consider Approval of Resolution #2015-07, an Agreement between Story County Conservation and the Iowa Department of Transportation for a Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant (\$12,768) to Purchase a Gramegna Spading Machine

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Franz, to approve Resolution #2015-07, an Agreement between Story County Conservation and the Iowa Department of Transportation for a Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant (\$12,768) to Purchase a Gramegna Spading Machine. MCU

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tedesco adjourned the meeting at 7:08.

Recording Secretary

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