

Story County Conservation Board
Monday, November 9, 2015
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

34384080. Chair Ted Tedesco called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Ted Tedesco – present

Craig Meyers - present

Allen Weber – present

Jim Pease – present

Nancy Franz - present

Wayne Clinton – arrived 5:35.

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

Shannon Gapp

34383744. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chair Tedesco introduced and welcomed Shannon Gapp, Confluence.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

Tedesco announced that agenda item #13 would be moved ahead of agenda item #12.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2015 BOARD MEETING

On page Nov-4, Franz noted she helped with logistics for TEAM day—not the Partners festival.

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Meyers, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 board meeting as corrected. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2015 BOARD MEETING

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 board meeting. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Meyers, to approve claims and receipts. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox announced the receipt of funds for a Story County Community Foundation grant (\$25,000) and FY16 REAP per county and per capita disbursements (\$37,562). Also, SCC was named a beneficiary of the Maribeth A. Henney Revocable Trust.

9. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Tedesco reviewed the calendar of upcoming events. The December 14 board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, November 30 at 5:30 to approve FY17 budget proposals due to the county auditor by December 4, 2015.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Tedesco reported that he and the director will be meeting with a landowner regarding a potential trailhead location for the ISU Research Park.

Pease reported that the Story County Community Foundation newsletter mentioned the grant that SCC received for a playscape at McFarland Park. Pease noted that SCC is the only organization that has received two large grants from SCCF. Clinton attended the awards presentation and added that Environmental Education Coordinator Jerry Keys represented SCC well.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. REVIEW UPDATES TO STORY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Shannon Gapp, planner for Confluence, reviewed changes to date on Chapter 4 of the C2C plan, including those made by Confluence staff and Story County staff. Gapp added that the plan has been made available on Google Docs for additional comments.

Franz said she appreciated all the changes made but feels the environmental goal is still thin. She suggested adding strategies including volunteers and use of technology as well as more information on the Skunk River Water Trail. Other wording changes were suggested by board members.

Cox announced that comments on the final draft of Chapter 4 are due November 13. The board of supervisors will approve a final draft of the entire document in December. Public meetings to review the plan will be held on January 19, 21, 26, and 28. Leann Harter and Jerry Moore are working on Chapter 5, and Cox will let the board know the location and timeline to make additional comments.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION TEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Director Cox reviewed changes to the document from the draft presented last month, highlighting timelines being considered for projects. Cox explained that dollar amounts were added where possible and that funding sources shown are fluid.

The board reviewed the plan and suggested changes. After discussion on improvements needed at the primitive camping area at Dakins Lake, the board recommended that a vault toilet be scheduled for construction in FY17. Cox will also separate phases of trail development on the ISU Research Park project.

MOTION by Weber, SECOND by Franz, to approve the Story County Conservation Ten-Year Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Plan with changes suggested. MCU.

14. REVIEW FIRST DRAFTS OF FY17 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Instructions from the county auditor (supplemental packet) and first drafts of budget proposals were reviewed. Cox explained and clarified projected revenue and expenses in both proposals. Changes/corrections were made to the draft. Departmental budget proposals are due December 4; the board will approve final IRVM and Conservation proposals at the November 30 meeting.

15. GENERAL UPDATES

Cox will be attending a Story County Alliance for Philanthropy luncheon on November 12 where the Hertz family will receive an award. He will also be attending ISAC meetings next week. Central Iowa Water Association is awaiting a signed agreement from Country Living Court for the septic system upgrade at Hickory Grove Park.

Members of the Outdoor Alliance of Story County have been working with Bill Horine's family to establish a memorial. An essay contest will be offered to high school students, and the best in show category in the Partners Photo Contest will be renamed the Bill Horine Award. Memorial funds given in memory of Horine will be used for prizes for that award.

16. BOARD REPORTS

Tedesco and Meyers will be attending a public meeting on November 12 in Boone regarding Dakota Access and the Bakken Pipeline.

Weber reported that details for the December 11 legislators reception are being reviewed. He credited Director Cox for contacting Bill Stowe to speak. As suggested by Pease, Weber will confirm that all the legislators receive a follow-up phone call to their invitation.

17. OTHER

A tree in memory of Bill Horine will be planted at McFarland Park on November 21. Financial Data Manager Van Waus will email the family's application for the tree and a memorial rock to board members for their approval.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Weber, that the meeting be adjourned. MCU.
Chair Tedesco adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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