

Story County Conservation Board
October 9, 2017
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. Chair Nancy Franz called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	STAFF
Nancy Franz – present	Mike Cox
Jim Pease – absent	Jolene Van Waus
Craig Meyers – absent	
Ted Tedesco – present	
Christine Laumer - present	
Rick Sanders - absent	
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS
Chair Franz noted a list of supplemental claims and a report from Environmental Education Coordinator Jerry Keys.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 board meeting. MCU.
5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer, to approve claims and receipts. MCU.
6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
Director Cox reported on amendments to the FY18 budget reflecting major projects and grants. He added that all repairs to the Hickory Grove Park showerhouse have been completed, with final approval and payment pending.
7. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
Franz reminded board members of the staff/board strategic plan work session on October 24 at 2:30 p.m.
8. STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION FY17 ANNUAL REPORT
A typographical error on page 9 and hard-to-read text in yellow on page 3 were noted.
MOTION by Laumer, SECOND by Tedesco, to approve the SCC FY17 Annual Report with corrections. MCU.

Laumer asked what audience the report is intended to reach and suggested that the report be sent to libraries and shared on social media.
9. FEE-FOR-SERVICE WORK ORDER WITH CONSERVATION CORPS MINNESOTA & IOWA
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer, to recommend to the Story County Board of Supervisors that they approve a work order with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa for invasive species work at Murphy/Micah French Cemetery for \$1,050. MCU.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The director reviewed Keys' written report, noting awards received by the staff, an increase in the number of program contacts, bus grants for service learning projects, installation of the nature playscape at McFarland Park, a successful Master River Stewards program, "Planting the Seeds" REAP grants, Partners memberships and new funding focus, and the fall festival at McFarland Park on October 1.

11. GENERAL UPDATES

Director Cox reported on the following:

- SCC was approached about an exchange of land along the Skunk River Greenbelt. Cox is working on a proposal, will meet with the landowners, and bring an agreement forward to the board for consideration at a later date.
- A memorandum of understanding between Story County and the Army Corps of Engineers to transfer land in the Skunk River Greenbelt to Story County is on the October 10 board of supervisors' agenda.
- The NRCS will install additional tile at the Roland Wildlife Area to resolve water backing up on neighboring landowners' properties.
- Cox circulated a status report and photos of construction progress at the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor (TELC).
- Peterson Contractors Inc. (PCI) has agreed to haul fieldstone from Hubbard to TELC. PCI can haul an additional 1,200 tons of fieldstone to Hickory Grove for fish structure at a cost of \$19,000. Depending on timing, Cox will bring a request for approval to the conservation board or the board of supervisors. He suggested that funding for this expense could come from funds budgeted for the Hickory Grove Lake Restoration Project or from Energy Transfer funds. Board members expressed their preference to utilize funds from the Hickory Grove Lake Restoration Project.

12. BOARD REPORTS

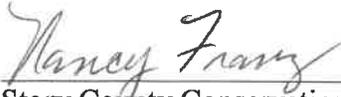
- Franz attended the Wild Women of the Woods program and recognized the SCC naturalists for a successful and enjoyable event. She also took the opportunity to promote Carroll Prairie and recognize the conservation legacy that female landowners can leave.
- Tedesco reported that the ISU OLLI class was well received by the 26 participants. Evaluations were very favorable, and the class was good publicity for SCC and the TELC project—even garnering some new volunteers and O.W.L.S. program attendees.
- Laumer attended the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards Conference in Sioux County, enjoying some good discussions and making observations for SCC's 2020 conference planning.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Laumer, to adjourn the meeting. MCU.
Chair Franz adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Recording Secretary



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