

Story County Conservation Board
February 19, 2018
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Pease called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease - present
Craig Meyers - present
Christine Laumer - present
Ted Tedesco - absent
Nancy Franz - present
Rick Sanders - present

STAFF

Mike Cox

GUESTS

Greg Vitale
John Pohlman
Mike Meetz

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

No additions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Meetz said he was impressed with attendance at the “Funding the Trust” event at the statehouse.

Greg Vitale provided an update on the Outdoor Alliance of Story County in 2017:

- First year providing educational programs
- Successful fundraising year (\$38,000) including large corporate grant
- Expenses of \$20,000 included \$14,000 towards land acquisition
- Asked SCC Board to continue to promote OASCO to Partners members, to advocate for volunteering, and to join events

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 board meeting. MCU.

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox reported that the budget is tracking well at 53% for 66% of the fiscal year. He noted anomalies in the building maintenance account for repairs, renovations, and updates at the ISU Research Park houses.

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pease reminded board members of the next board meeting on March 12 and the Partners Banquet on April 12.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider Proposed Plans for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Phase II
Plans were presented by Cox for the \$1.56 million project phase. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on March 13.

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Phase II. MCU.

- B. Consider Amendment to Agreement Between Shive-Hattery and Story County Conservation Board for Additional Design Phase and Construction Staking for Praeri Rail Trail Extension

Cox gave an update on the project, announcing that one easement has been signed. He hopes to have a resolution on the other piece next week.

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to an agreement between Shive-Hattery Inc. and Story County Conservation for additional design phase and construction staking for the Praeri Rail Trail Extension.

- C. Consider Approval of First Reading of Revisions to Story County Conservation By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and Safety and Health Management Policy.

Pease noted word changes to Rules and Regulations, Section 4.4C: “shot” to “ammunition” and “shotgun” to “firearm”. The second “shot” should be removed.

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Meyers, to approve first readings of SCC By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and Safety and Health Management Policy as revised. MCU.

- D. Consider Approval of Unbudgeted Purchases in FY18

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Franz, to approve unbudgeted purchases in FY18 as presented. MCU.

- E. Consider Approval of Resolution 2018-2 Endorsing a Grant Application to Wellmark Foundation for Hard Surfacing and Trail Improvements on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail

MOTION by Franz SECOND by Meyers, to approve Resolution 2018-2 Endorsing a Grant Application to Wellmark Foundation for Hard Surfacing and Trail Improvements on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from Slater to Huxley. MCU.

- F. Consider Approval of Resolution 2018- 3 Endorsing Funding for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

MOTION by Meyers, SECOND by Laumer, to approve Resolution 2018-3 Endorsing Funding for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

10. UPDATES

- A. General Updates

Director Cox reported on the Story County Board of Supervisors’ strategic plan.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meeting Updates, and Announcements from the Board

- Franz reported on the trails committee and Ames Wellness Center event.
- Plans for the IACCB 2020 conference were discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pease adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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