

Story County Conservation Board
March 26, 2018
Story County Conservation Center, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Craig Meyers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Pease – absent

Craig Meyers – present

Christine Laumer – present via phone

Ted Tedesco – present

Nancy Franz – present

Rick Sanders - present

STAFF

Mike Cox

Jolene Van Waus

GUESTS

None

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Campground Attendant Contracts

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to approve campground attendant contracts between Story County Conservation Board and: Tom Foley at Hickory Grove Park, 4/2/18-10/28/18, for \$7,200; Ernie Gummo at Dakins Lake, 4/2/18-7/15/18, for \$3,600; and Beverley Chance at Dakins Lake, 7/16/18-10/28/18, for \$3,600 and recommend approval by the Story County Board of Supervisors. MCU.

B. Consider Bid Award for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Phase 2 Construction

Director Cox said he was pleased with the bids and recommended that the board move forward with the base bid and alternate. After the bid is awarded, SCC will work with the contractor on the alternate proposal. Cox added that with the REAP grant and money carried over from Phase 1, there is sufficient funding available.

MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors award the bid for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Phase 2 Construction, to Boulder Contracting, LLC for \$930,799 and additive alternate #1 for \$137,989. MCU.

Sanders said he would like to have the conservation board review the contract before approval by the board of supervisors.

C. Consider Amendment to Agreement for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the agreement between Shive-Hattery, Inc. and Story County Conservation for Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, Bid Package #2, for \$127,300.

In discussion, Cox explained that the engineer completed additional bid preparation, construction administration, and construction observation not listed in the original agreement. Cox added that the extra 10% above costs listed on the reimbursable expenses portion of the fee schedule has not been assessed, and Shive Hattery has submitted a corrected fee schedule.

Tedesco moved that the original motion be amended to remove the additional 10% reimbursable expenses from Shive Hattery's fee schedule. Franz seconded the motion. MCU.

The board voted unanimously to approve the original motion with the amendment.

D. Consider Agreement of Services for Heart of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Improvements
MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Laumer, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve an agreement between Story County Conservation and Snyder & Associates for Heart of Iowa Nature Trail Paving Improvements for \$46,500 and approve an expenditure of \$21,500 from Story County's Energy Transfer Fund. MCU.

E. Consider Contract to Haul and Spread Rock at Dakins Lake
MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz, to recommend that the Story County Board of Supervisors approve a contract between Story County Conservation and Conley's Trucking, Inc. to haul and spread rock at Dakins Lake for \$21,450.

5. UPDATES

Director Cox gave these updates:

- SCC met with Iowa DNR staff regarding the Hickory Grove Watershed Improvement and Lake Restoration project this morning. Construction bids for Phase 2 will be opened on May 24, the contract will be awarded in June, and drawdown of the lake is now planned after Labor Day. Bidding for Phase 3 (to dredge the lake) is currently scheduled for November 2018--after the lake is drained. Schematics are also being considered for deepening the east basin of the lake.

Cox added that the current cost opinion for Phase 2 includes modifying one of the sediment basins to use as a walleye rearing pond.

Regarding questions about the timeline of the project, Cox explained that the IDNR won't know the status of their 2019-2020 budget until May—right around the time Phase 2 bids are received. The lake will be drained about 10 feet before pumping/siphoning the remaining water and before the pipe is installed. Bidding for Phase 3 will not occur until November so contractors can view the lake at least partially drained to prepare their bids.

- The Ames Rotary Club is soliciting funds to purchase and plant trees at the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor. A workday is scheduled on April 7 to plant 1,500 live stakes. Cox is working on a list of potential sponsors towards the project, and a committee is making progress on a SCC donor recognition plan.
- A resolution to extend the Praeri Rail Trail into Zearing has not been reached.

6. OTHER

Sanders reported that the supervisors, SCC, INHF, and IDNR are researching land acquisition along the Skunk River as an option to repairing a road bridge south of Ames. Contacts are being made with landowners about the possibility of enrolling land in the Wetland Reserve Program.

Franz has gathered several donations for the supporter recognition dinner.

Meyers acknowledged the board of supervisors, especially Marty Chitty, for assistance in making progress on the Hickory Grove sewer project.

Tedesco and Franz attended a program on pioneer cemeteries at the Ames Public Library presented by Natural Resource Specialist Amy Yoakum. The program was very well received, and Franz added that Yoakum is clearly an expert on the subject.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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



Recording Secretary



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