

Story County Conservation Board

June 10, 2019

ISU Research Park Economic Development Core Facility Board Room, Ames, Iowa

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Meyers - absent

Christine Laumer – present

Nancy Franz – present

Ted Tedesco – present

Jim Pease – present

Linda Murken – absent

STAFF

Mike Cox

Marianne Harrelson

Pat Shehan

GUESTS

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS-

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

5. STAFF REPORT- Pat Shehan, Special Project Ranger presented an annual report to the Board. His report included the review of the past year's grants, projects completed this past year, in-progress and planned projects for the current year.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 13, 2019. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease to approve minutes with Greg Vitale name correction as a Guest and Science Bytes correction in the Public Comments. MCU.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Pease. Director Cox provided clarification that Snyder & Associates is the engineering firm that is contracted for engineering for the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail paving project. MCU.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Director Cox made note that the claims for next month will be big due to the end of the fiscal year. We are going to be lapsing in some money and some will be amended into the FY20 budget. Laumer questioned the camping revenue budget for Dakins and Hickory Grove. Staff commented that weather and the restoration work at Hickory Grove is probably effecting the revenue.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Laumer indicated that she has received several requests for volunteers at the Midsummer Night's Run. Pease questioned moving the September Board meeting. All agreed to move the meeting from September 9th to September 16th.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consideration Of Resolution 2019-02 Approving FY20 Salaries For Story County Conservation Employees. MOTION by Franz, SECOND Tedesco. MCU.
- B. Action Forms
 - 1) Trails/Natural Resource Tech new hire effective 7/1/19, Brandon Clough @ \$19.64/hr
 - 2) Pay Adjustment for Pesticide Certification effective 5/26/19, Tanner Christiansen @ \$12.00/hr.
 - 3) Step and Longevity adjustments during FY20 - effective 7/21/19, Tyler Kelley @ \$19.95/hr.; effective 8/4/19, Rebekah Beall Warburton @ \$21.83/hr.; effective 9/1/19, Heather Hucka @ \$23.25/hr.; effective 9/29/19, Erica Place @ \$19.71/hr., Elizabeth Waage @ \$21.65/hr.: effective 10/13/19, Russ DeWall @ \$21.52/hr.; effective 2/16/20, Joseph Hill @ \$20.85/hr.; effective 3/15/20, Marianne Harrelson @ \$24.21/hr.; effective 3/29/20, Elizabeth Jackson @ \$17.52/hr.; effective 5/24/20, Patrick Shehan @ \$26.30/hr., Beau Hoppe @ \$20.39/hr., Jessical Lancial @ 22.29/hr., Amy Yoakum @ \$24.26/hr., Lucas Feilmeier @ \$25.98/hr., Daniel Simcox @ \$25.47/hr.; effective 6/21/20, Benjamin Marcus @ \$19.35/hr.; MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Franz. MCU.
- C. Consideration Of Merit Adjustment Effective May 26, 2019 For Michael Cox @ \$3,582.95/bw. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Pease. MCU.
- D. Consideration Of Contract With Brush And Weed Control Specialists For Brush Control Not To Exceed \$50,104. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. Pease asked if the amount budgeted was \$30,000.00, Director Cox confirmed that it was \$50,000.00 because we increased the scope to cover more townships. MCU.
- E. Consideration Of Contract Services From Terracon For Fifth Annual Dakins Lake Wetland Monitoring For \$3,500. MOTION by Tedesco, SECOND by Franz. Director Cox stated that this is the last year of the wetland monitoring requirement. Franz noted that this is the same contractor that we have used all five years. . MCU.
- F. Consideration Of Change Order No. 009 Between Boulder Contracting, LLC And Story County Conservation Board For The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor Bid Package No. 2 In The Amount Of \$11,805.00. MOTION by Pease, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.
- G. Consideration Of Resolution 2019-03 Endorsing A Grant Application To The Iowa State Recreation Trails Program For Hard Surfacing/Trail Improvements On The Heart Of Iowa Nature Trail From Huxley To The Scenic South Skunk River Bridge. MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco. MCU.

11. UPDATES:

- A. General Updates: Director Cox invited Board Members to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow as we are asking them to approve sending the engagement letter to the

Trust for Public Land. The contractor began draining Hickory Grove Lake today. The Board of Supervisors have had discussions with McCallsburg's City Council and their strong interest in doing improvements to the Praeri Rail Trail. We will invite all of the cities (Story City, Roland, McCallsburg and Zearing) to a meeting this fall to discuss next steps for Praeri Rail Trail improvements. We are still moving forward with the Army Corps of Engineers on land transfer. Director Cox reviewed the Dakins Lake cabin design and cost estimate with options that can reduce the cost of the project. Franz asked to see if we can make changes to the roof design and more or larger windows in the great room.

B. Liaison Assignments, Committee Meetings Updates, and Announcements from the Board: Tedesco invited everyone to come to TELC on Wednesday the 12th at 1:30PM to help with tours for some residents of Northcrest (rain date is September 19th). Pease has been working on the cabin and the Trust for Public Land with Mike. He took some friends to the TELC project and they were very impressed. Franz stated the May TEAM day was canceled due to rain. The June TEAM meeting will be a clearing the sides of the trail at Soper's Mill. July 6th is the distance run in McFarland Park and volunteers are needed. She's working on the 2019 ICCS Fall Conference and was wondering if we could ask for an exemption of our ICCS membership fees since we are hosting the 2020 conference. Laumer talked about the National Get Outdoors Day last Saturday. Events were held at McFarland Park and West Peterson Park.

C. Other – none.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Franz, SECOND by Tedesco, to adjourn. MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.



Recording Secretary



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