

Dickinson County Conservation Board (DCCB)
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Dickinson County Nature Center

Presiding Chair: Eric Stoll

Members Present: Joan Gronstal, Kathy Kleen

Members Absent: Steve Anderson, Willia Mueske

Employees Present: Lee Sorenson, Charles Vigdal

Others Present: Pam Jordan

Agenda Approval. Gronstal/Kleen made a motion to approve the agenda. All Ayes, motion carried.

Approval of the January 2014 Minutes – Kleen/Gronstal moved to approve the minutes. All ayes, carried

Executive Director's Comments – Spent a lot of time working on budget streamlining and other projects that we are laying the ground work to make their transition smoother.

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County Update – The sale of the print is in full swing and Ron Williams purchased quite a few prints to get to the 40 prints needed in the first 10 days which will be sold at the nature center. Also the murder mystery fundraiser was a huge success with around 60 people attending, the final figures are not in yet to tally the final funds raised. They have also made a motion that a small percentage (10%) of every membership will be placed into the endowment fund to move forward to a financial future.

Environmental Education Update – IAN schedule is complete for March 12-14, the tall grass prairie exhibit has arrived and had a grand opening. Unfortunately the turnout wasn't as good as expected but one factor might have been it was on the night of the open ceremony of the Olympics.

Operations and facility update

- Recycling Center
 - No update was available
- Need Assessment
 - Sorenson gave a reminder that at the next Board meeting we will also be working on the needs assessment with Jane Goeken from ISU extension office. It will be on Mach 19 with the Board meeting starting at 6 pm and the need assessment following.
- Budget 14/15
 - At this time the budget presented to the Board of Supervisors has went through the first stage of approval without and changes. The FY15 budget has multiple lines consolidated to make the process more efficient.

Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

- Knudtson (Mill Creek) Purchase agreement
 - Kleen/Gronstal made a motion to sign the Mill Creek (Knudtson) purchase agreement with the Iowa National Heritage Foundation. All Ayes, motion carried.

Staffing Update

- Community Relations Coordinator
 - This position has been filled by Kiley Roth, her start date will be March 3, 2014.

- Maintenance Tech
 - This position was filled by Brian Cuperus who has been working for us in a seasonal capacity for the past two summers. His start date will be February 24, 2014.

Approval of January 2014 Expenses. Kleen/Gronstal moved to approve the expenses. All ayes, carried.

General Discussion

The appraisal for Milford woods has been completed, the next step after the new fiscal year is to get a title opinion completed and then we can complete the final transaction by mid-summer. Discussed about requesting the Trails Board for us to remove the garbage cans on the bike trail for the time span of one year to see how it effects the trash along the trail. Discussed options about the barn and ideas that are being discussed for RAGBIA.

Adjournment

Gronstal/Kleen moved to adjourn at 8:57 P.M. All ayes, carried.