

Dickinson County Conservation Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9

Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji

Chairman: Eric Stoll

Board members: Steve Anderson, Kathy Kleen, Willia Mueske

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Kiley Roth

Others: Pam Jordan

1. Call meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Agenda approval: Mueske motion, Kleen second. Approved.
3. Approval of November minutes: Kleen motion, Anderson second. Approved.
4. Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County update: The foundation board members' goals were discussed, including fixing a walking bridge in Horseshoe Bend, adding more storage, adding summer camps at a higher fee, providing scholarships for camps to low-income family, public relations, adding a Youth in Philanthropy group member on the foundation board, holding another murder mystery, paving the driveway. The by-laws were slightly changed to have new board members pay to join the foundation. The conservation board will approach the foundation with a project after the needs assessment and future plans are finalized.
5. Environmental education update: More than 1,100 children were reached at a variety of programs in the last month.
6. Operations and facility update
 - a. Recycling center update: Revenue is up. Copper, aluminum and motors were taken last week to Shine Bros. scrap in Spencer. The RCC has the ability to assess at a higher value, which was at \$2 per household. The assessment was raised to \$5 per household. That covers wages and benefits. The revenues are expected to be higher and hopefully that will allow the construction of a restroom and the purchase of a new tractor.
 - b. Cash policy: The conservation board was chosen to be looked at closely by the state auditor. The REAP report used budgeted numbers instead of actual, and that will be written up. The recycling center did not have a cash policy, and that is now written. Anderson motion to approve, Mueske second. Approved.
 - c. Abbie Gardner 28E agreement: A draft of the 28E agreement between the Dickinson County Conservation Board and the State Historical Society of Iowa. The board asked for clarification of "periodic maintenance" and to change LCCB to DCCB two times. Jordan asked where monies would come from for indoor improvements.

- d. Budget discussion: Papers were not available yet. Budgets are due Jan. 21 and another meeting may be needed before the next board meeting.
7. DCCB areas
 - a. Milford Woods update: Once the title and agreement with INHF is received, the board can submit for reimbursement.
8. Approval of November expenses: Anderson motion, Mueske second. Approved.
9. General discussion
 - Stoll mentioned how dark the parking lot is. Mueske Electric will be working on the lighting project, most likely in the spring.
 - Sorenson found that Waste Management has a snow machine that it would be willing to sell. The county engineer however will bring a plan about reconstructing the road west of Horseshoe Bend, which could take away the tubing hill. The road needs to be raised 10 feet where the bridge is, and a 3-to-1 slope would go to where the second tubing slope is.
 - Former employee John Walters has filed for unemployment. A phone fact interview was conducted and recorded.
10. Mueske motion, Kleen second. Adjourn at 8:26 p.m.