

Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting

2279 170th St., Okoboji

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 13

Chair: Joan Gronstal

Vice chair: Steve Anderson (Not in Attendance)

Members: Eric Stoll, Kathy Kleen, Willia Mueske

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Board liaison: Pam Jordan

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda approval: Motion by Mueske, Kleen second. Approved.

Approval of past month's minutes: Motion by Kleen, Stoll second. Approved.

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County: The Foundation minutes were provided to the Conservation Board, with routine business being deposits and paying of bills.

Environmental education update: Seventeen programs were presented in the month of September including the Bee & Butterfly festival. With approx. 850 people attending the festival.

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-Land Acquisition Update: The INHF is making an offer to Jim Kraniger for the piece of land adjacent to the Little Foote Forest, no word if it has been accepted at this time. Also moving forward on getting and appraisal for Mike Clark land adjacent to the Little Sioux. With these acquisition it would complete the connectivity with Little Foote Forest and the Saddle club land that is donated.

-County Pieces of Property: A discussion was held about a county property that is currently owned by the county over on M56 adjacent to the Beddel Property. A landowner has requested that the county vacate the area so a driveway for a new house may be placed. Board discussed possibly of a canoe or kayak access point since it does have some shoreline availability, or a trail head in the future. Mueske made a motion to encourage the county in keeping the land for future public access. Kleen seconded. Motion carried.

Operations and facility update

-Recycle center: Board discussed operations at the recycling center, board suggested taking copper in due to it is at an all-time high for pricing. Sorenson shared that having some issues with hipping of the brush since currently Poet isn't wanting any mulch. At this time we will leave it over winter and have it chipped before spring and hope that Poet wants material at some point in the near future.

-Resolutions for ILRT grants: Kleen moved to approve the signing of the 3 Iowa Living Roadway Trust fund grants. Mueske seconded. Motion carried.

-Pollinator Paradise update: Construction is going well and everything seem to be running on time.

Approval of expenses: Kleen motion to pay bills, Stoll seconded. Approved.

General discussion

-REAP meeting will be held on October 4 in Spencer at the fairground at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment motion by Kleen, second by Mueske. Approved. Adjourn at 8:06 p.m.