

Dickinson County Conservation Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

Dickinson County Nature Center, 2279 170th St., Okoboji

Chair: Joan Gronstal

Vice chair: Steve Anderson

Board members: Eric Stoll, Kathy Kleen

Employees: Kiley Roth

Call to order 7:01 p.m.

Anderson motion, Kleen second. Agenda approved.

Last month's minutes approval motion by Kleen, second by Stoll. Approved.

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County: The CFDC went over its financials. Greta Gruys resigned as a board member.

Environmental education update: Field trips and school programs are in session. The Family Glow Walk/Run had about 120 people participate.

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Methodist church land update: The land has been funded, unofficially, with REAP funds. A tile project is underway, with funds sought from the Clean Water Alliance.

Billboard update: The billboard for Pioneer Park Nature Preserve would not follow county billboard policy, but director Lee Sorenson is looking into the possibility of a variance.

Pride Group building: The conservation board and donors are looking into the possibility of tearing down part of the building and keeping the meeting room section with an additional enclosed shelter for reservations. Possibilities are being presented to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. Anderson motion to show the board is in favor of the proposed enclosed shelter project, Kleen second. Approved.

Operations and facility update

Recycling center: There is no current outlet for brush chipping, and if there is no outlet we will have to chip in the spring at full cost, around \$35,000. Anderson said we have gone back and forth in chipping having too much and then not have enough when POET wants the chips. Perhaps we can have them chip and store them on site until POET wants them.

Tour of properties: Sorenson will lead a tour of county properties with the board as well as the county board of supervisors Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Approval of expenses: Motion by Stoll, Kleen second. Approved.

General discussion

-REAP meeting: Turnout was poor for the Spencer REAP meeting. Motions were passed to fully fund REAP and to leave the pie chart alone for both I-WILL and REAP as well as to fund I-WILL.

-Boy Scouts asked the nature center to be its sponsor, but there is not enough room here to store the Boy Scout van, etc.

-Roth attended the one-room schoolhouse conference in Sheldon Oct. 6, and the leaders are looking to possibly hold it in Dickinson County in 2019.

Kleen motion to adjourn, Anderson second. Approved. Adjournment at 7:49 p.m.