

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes
Dickinson County Nature Center
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. May 8, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll

Board Members: Doug Nielsen, Robert Waters, Joan Gronstal

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: 2

1. Call to order.

- S. Anderson called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

- J. Gronstal motioned to approve agenda, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

3. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes) --- None.

4. Consent agenda/Items

a. Approval of past month minutes

b. Recycle report

c. Environmental Education report

- J. Gronstal motioned to approve consent agenda/items, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

a. Abbie Gardner LOA FY25

- D. Nielsen motioned to approve the Abbie Gardner LOA FY25 with Docent wage at \$16.00 per hour, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

b. Mountain Bike proposals.

- Drew Mills & Jessie requested to be allowed to hand clear some of the trails at the old saddle club land for a mountain bike trail. E. Stoll motioned to approve them to hand cut trail when waivers are completed, seconded by B. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

c. Delta Waterfowl funding request

- Delta waterfowl has some possible funding to help purchase the Hamdorf land acquisition, the organization restrictions on the funding are that it has to stay in public hunting and if not the current value plus interest will need to be paid back. D. Nielsen motioning to request funding from Deltawaterfowl in the

amount of \$75,000 to go towards the Hamdorf land acquisition, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

d. Pioneer Park Trail plans

- Board discussed the plans for the trail going through Pioneer Park and it there a need since the bike trail route has changed to the west side of Highway 71. Board approved the trail in a previous meeting going through Pioneer park.

6. Operation and facility

a. IRVM Grant approval

- B. Waters motioned to approve to apply for the IRVM grant for prescribe fire clothing at \$2,300 with DCCB cost share of \$60, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

7. Approval of Expenses

- J. Gronstal motioned to approve payment of expenses, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

8. General Discussion

a. Natural playground

- Danika, Amy and Lee met with Ryan from ABcreative to discuss plans for updating the play area at the nature center. Plans are to be designed over the next few weeks for review..

b. Iowa Ornithology grant. DCCB received a \$600 grant for a tri-pod and spotting scope to be used at the nature center.

- AB Creative is working on developing a rough design of a potential playscape they should be ready for review at the next board meeting.

9. Adjournment

D. Nielson motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.