

Dickinson County Conservation Board
Meeting Agenda
Dickinson County Conservation Board
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. July 10, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll

Board Members: Doug Nielsen, Robert Waters, Joan Gronstal

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark (absent)

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: 3

1. Call to order. J. Gronstal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

- R. Waters motioned to approve agenda, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

3. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)

- Kelly and Denise Norland presented about damages to their property during the major rain events during the month of June.
- Norlands would like DCCB to implement a plan to manage silt and water drainage.

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

- a. Approval of past month minutes
- b. Recycle report
- c. Environmental Education report
- d. CFDC Minutes

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area

a. Sherwood discussion/letter from City of Okoboji

- Currently DNR has not presented the requested report to DCCB for following requirements of the permit.
- S. Anderson stated water drainage issues have previously existed in that neighborhood (even previous to current homeowners and the Sherwood construction).
- The DCCB will be planting a cover crop at their own cost until prairie is planted in the fall on areas with exposed soil.
- There will be additional silt fences and straw wattles installed along Lakeshore Drive to control siltation issues.
- S. Anderson had to leave at 7:30 p.m. to meet with the governor.

b. Mountain bike presentation

- Topic tabled for next month. Due to the rain and insect pressure, the trail installation crew has not been able to progress on trails this month.

6. Operation and facility

a. Little Sioux Log jam clean up

- Buena Vista, Clay, and Dickinson County Conservation Boards were going to be subcontracted to clear log jams. Crews have been pulled from project due to high water levels.
- Crews will be used towards other projects in August, if log jam clean up is not feasible.

b. Maser Monarch Lodge fees and Rules and Regulations

- A. Heibult, community relations coordinator, presented changes in rental fees and the Rules and Regulations contract for Maser Monarch Lodge.
- J. Gronstal motioned to approve changes in rental fees and Rules and Regulations contract, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

c. IAN Conference

- IAN will now be hosted in another county for 2024 due to Scharnburg being a shelter for flood victims.

d. DCCB Vacation Carryover Policy

- Executive Director L. Sorenson requested that a policy would be put in place that allows employees of DCCB to carry over up to 40 hours of vacation time into the following year from their start date.
- R. Waters motioned to approve up to 40 hours to be carried over year to year, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

e. Directors Vacation Carryover

- L. Sorenson requested that his 340 hrs of vacation time be deleted from his total vacation time. 40 hours would be carried over like other employees.
- Topic tabled for next month's meeting.

7. Approval of Expenses

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

8. General Discussion

a. ICCS Fall Conference

- The deadline to register for the fall conference is August 12.

- Hamdorf property now belongs to the DCCB. The planted prairie is establishing very nicely.

9. Adjournment – J. Gronstal motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by D. Neilsen. All approved, motion carried.