

Dickinson County Conservation Board
Meeting Agenda
Dickinson County Conservation Board
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. August 14, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll (Zoom)

Board Members: Doug Nielsen, Robert Waters, Joan Gronstal

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: 10

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 R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.
3. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)
 - a. Public comment was given as follows:
 - i. Resident Scott- expressed concern about Sherwood Forest Park.
 - ii. Resident Sanders - expressed concern about Sherwood Forest Park.
 - iii. Resident Keuck – expressed concern about Sherwood Forest Park.
 - iv. Resident Colton – expressed concern about Sherwood Forest Park.
4. J. Gronstal motioned to approve the consent agenda/items, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.
Consent agenda/Items:
 - a. Approval of past month minutes
 - b. Recycle report
 - c. Environmental Education report
 - d. CFDC Minutes
5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area
 - a. Land Purchase request (parcel 0717379028) - tabled for next meeting.
 - b. Sherwood Update/change order #2 approval
 - i. J. Gronstal motioned to approve the change order #2, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.
 - c. Oxbow Restoration Judd (Clint Hain)
 - i. Clint Hain presented the oxbow restoration project.
 - d. Mountain Bike presentation (Drew)
 - i. Drew Mills presented about 1.5-2 miles of mountain bike trail. Signage may need to be put in place to know direction of riding.
 - e. Hamdorf Acquisition REAP Grant closed
 - i. Hamdorf property is officially acquired.

- f. Approval of land donation (parcels 0717351019 - .65 acres, 0720101024 – 6.94 acres, 0720101006 - .76 acres)
 - i. D. Nielsen motioned to approve the donation of land from Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.
 - g. Land purchase (INHF)
 - i. The opportunity to purchase a property from INHF will not be happening.
 - h. Westport Stabilization (Fish Habitat Grant)
 - i. Westport pond --- evaluated post flooding
 - i. Nature Center Parking Lot project
 - i. Sept 16th is projected start date for the nature center paved parking lot.
- 6. Operation and facility
 - a. Directors Vacation Carryover
 - i. D. Nielsen motioned to use as much vacation time until December 2024 and DCCB will reevaluate, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.
 - b. Directors' evaluation
 - i. Board will be filling out the annual evaluation forms for Executive Director L. Sorenson.
- 7. Approval of Expenses
 - a. E. Stoll motioned to pay expenses, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.
- 8. General Discussion
 - a. ICCS conference 2025
 - b. Steve Anderson did an interview for IRVM roadside prairie restoration located along his property
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. D. Nielsen motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m., seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.