

Meeting Minutes
Dickinson County Nature Center
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. March 12, 2025

Chair: Eric Stoll

Vice Chair: Doug Nielsen

Board Members: Steve Anderson, Robert Waters, Catherine Wegehaupt

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark (absent),

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: Chris LaRue - DNR

1. E. Stoll called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

S. Anderson motioned to approve agenda, seconded by R. Waters. 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
- d. CFDC Minutes
- D. Nielsen motion to approve consent agenda/items, seconded by S. Anderson. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

a. Wetland Project NAWCA Plan

- Chris La Rue, District Wildlife Biologist of IDNR, discussed grant opportunities and partnering with the DCCB for future wetland restoration projects.

b. IRVM Plan & Resolution

- Tanner Bouchard, IRVM Manager of DCCB, presented the 2025 IRVM Management Policy for Dickinson County.
- D. Nielsen motion approved to approve the 2025 IRVM Management Policy for the next 5 years, seconded by R. Waters. Roll call vote: Nielsen – aye, Waters- aye, Stoll – aye, Wegehaupt- aye, Anderson – aye. Resolution 3-12-2025 carried.

c. Hamdorf NACWA Agreement

- R. Waters motioned to approve the Hamdorf NAWCA Agreement, seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved, motion carried.

d. Natural Play Concept design

- Drafted conceptual designs presented by Director Lee Sorenson.

e. Sherwood Grand opening date and ribbon-cutting ceremony June 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

f. Abbie Gardner Abatement

g. Audubon Sanctuary (Donation Request)

h. I-Fire program

i. Ponderosa building update/ abatement

6. Approval of Expenses

- D. Nielsen motioned to approve expenses, seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved, motion carried.

7. General Discussion

a. Spring Run Shooting Range Update – completion expected by Dec. 2025

8. Adjournment

- D. Nielsen motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.