DCCB Meeting Minutes
Dickinson County Nature Center
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. January 14, 2026

Chair: Eric Stoll
Vice Chair: Doug Nielsen
Board Members: Steve Anderson, Robert Waters, Catherine Wegehaupt
BOS Liaison: Steve Clark
Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult
Visitors:

1. Call to order.
   - E. Stoll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Approval
   - S. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.
3. 3. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes) None.
4. Elections of Officers

   Doug Nielsen – Chair
   Robert Waters – Vice Chair

   - S. Anderson motioned to approve Doug Nielsen as Chair and Robert Waters as Vice Chair, seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved, motion carried.

5. Consent agenda/Items
   a. Approval of past month's minutes
   b. Recycle report
   c. Environmental Education report
   d. CFDC Minutes
- E. Stoll motioned to consent agenda/items, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motioned carried.
6. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's
   a. Sherwood Agreement
      - S. Anderson motioned to approve the Sherwood Agreement contingent on Board of Supervisor approval, seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved, motion carried.
   b. Spring Run Shooting range 28-E agreement
      - Tabled for next meeting
   c. MML rules & regulation updates
      - E. Stoll motioned to approve updates to Maser Monarch Lodge rules and regulations, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.
   d. Uniform purchase authorization (Clothing allowance)

e. Nature Playscape contribution Resolution/60% plans
    - S. Anderson motion to approve Resolution 2026-01-14 to increase DCCB's contribution to Nature Playscape to $400,000, seconded by R. Waters. Roll call vote: Anderson – aye; Waters – aye; Stoll – aye; Wegehaupt – aye; Nielsen – aye.

f. RCC Compost/wood chipping/milling Policy
    - Tabled for next meeting

g. Approval of the submittal of the Community Attraction and Tourism Grant
    - S. Anderson motioned to approve the submission of the Community Attraction and Tourism Grant, seconded R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

h. FY26-27 Budget Proposal/ Director's Wage
    - S. Anderson motion to approve wage increase as proposed by Executive Director Lee Sorenson, seconded by E. Stoll. All approved, motion carried.
    - E. Stoll motioned to approve FY26-27 Budget, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

i. District 3 IFIRE MOU
    - Tabled for next meeting

7. Approval of Expenses
    - S. Anderson motioned to approve paying expenses, seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved motion carried.

8. General Discussion
    a. Oxbow Bid project
    b. NAWCA Update on Stakeout Area
    c. REAP grant from playscape

9. Adjournment
    - S. Anderson motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., seconded by C. Wegehaupt. All approved, motion carried.