

Dickinson County Conservation Board (DCCB)  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2013  
Dickinson County Nature Center

Presiding Chair: Steve Anderson

Members Present: Joan Gronstal, Willia Mueske, Eric Stoll, Kathy Kleen,

Members Absent:

Employees Present: Lee Sorenson, Charles Vigdal, Bree Hanson, Angie Wills

Others Present: Pam Jordan, Jim Tuel

**Agenda Approval.** Gronstal/Kleen moved to approve the agenda. All ayes, carried

**Approval of the May 14, May 15, 2013 and June 4, 2013 Minutes** – Gronstal/Mueske moved to approve the minutes. All ayes, carried. Director Sorenson will send conformation of the approved minutes to Lori Pederson.

**Executive Director's Comments** – Thank you for this opportunity, met most of the staff already. I am jumping in with both feet and learning as I go but excited to move forward in a positive direction and get great things done.

**Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County Update** – Jim Tuel informed that the CFDC received donation from the Audubon Society. On August 13, 2013 the CFDC will be holding their regular and annual meeting. The regular meeting will start at 6 P.M. election of officers will be completed at the annual meeting.

**Environmental Education Update** – Charles Vigdal programs as usual, Barb end of employment was June 30, 2013, we had to cancel two programs of the Native Americans program. At this time Charles and Bree Hanson summer intern are handling all the programs. Web site 300 people a day hitting our website, 10 countries 18% is new people. There are 700 people on Facebook and 213 people on email list. Discussed about running the osprey camera throughout the winter, at his time the solar panels and batteries will be removed and stored to protect from damage and saving of battery life.

### **Operations and facility update**

- Dickinson County Nature Center
  - Exterior Landscaping Update
    - At this time the end date looks to be middle to the end of August. There is Barb's retirement party on August 9, 2013 that is schedule to be held on the deck. Contractors have indicated that the deck will be completed by that date so not to interfere with that function.
    - Also discussed if the new area of the landscape project was going to be stained or left to go silver. To keep in conformity of the rest of the building it was decided to stain the new areas so everything will match. In the future might have to budget funds to get that completed on an annual or biannual period. Sorenson will discuss with David Booth to see if we are capable of doing that work in house.
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- Dickinson County Recycling Center and Green Waste Site – Willis presented spreadsheet with monthly information. Air testing of hazmat room was completed, waiting for results. Demanufactured appliances were picked up by Shine brothers. Total weight was 40.52 tones with revenue based on \$155/ton. \$6,280.60 in revenue generated.
- Disc Golf and Dog Park Citizen Committees

- Disc golf should be done by end of week, scout coming to put up temporary sign and working on map sign for out front press release out next Sunday. Many people have already been out playing. Thinking about having an information clinic by a professional Jim Schallus or a fund raiser, first or second week in August.
- End of FY 2013 Budget
  - Willis went over the end of the fiscal year budget, we ended at spending 99.6%. There was an ending balance of \$20,000 but it was from the recycling center and green waste site.

### **Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's**

- Horseshoe Bend County Wildlife Preserve
  - No updates at this time.
- County Farm Buildings Update
  - No updates at this time.

**Approval of April Expenses.** Kleen/Gronstal moved to approve June expenses. All ayes, carried.

### **Staffing Update**

- Environmental Education Coordinator/Naturalist Position Vacancy
  - Board discussed the option of replacing an EE Coordinator or just employing another Naturalist.
- Executive Director's Position
  - Board discussed about allowing the Director Sorenson to keep his law enforcement certification. At this time the Board tabled this item until next meeting.

### **General Discussion**

- Phone number needs to in the phone book and other phone issues need to be resolved. Old messages need to be updated to current status.
- We will be holding an IAN Spring workshop date not set at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Stoll/Mueske moved to adjourn at 9:14 P.M. All ayes, carried.