

Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji

Chairperson: Kathy Kleen

Vice chair: Joan Gronstal

Board members: Eric Stoll, Steve Anderson, Willia Mueske

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Kiley Roth

Board liaison: Pam Jordan arrived at 7:57 p.m.

Call to order at 7 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda by Mueske; Stoll second. Approved.

Approval of past month's minutes: Stoll motion, Anderson second. Approved.

Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County update: The meeting will not be held until March 14.

Environmental education update: A new naturalist has been hired and will start March 21. The new live web camera is live and streaming online.

Operations and facility update:

-Recycling center: Chipping of green waste is happening now, and the company that chips is allowed to take all the wood chips it wants in exchange for a reduced price on the chipping.

The recycling center received a grant of \$9,831.02 to paint the walls with KILZ and cover the walls with tin in the hazardous materials room. This will also allow the oil building to be sealed instead of just a lean-to.

-Bids were received for the septic project at the recycling center. Clemens' bid was approximately \$20,000 and was approximately \$10,000 less than Hawn.

-Cody Aden has started as the recycling technician.

-Butterfly House update: Cannon Moss Brygger submitted three proposals for the future Butterfly House, which will also be taken to the interested donors.

-Lakes-friendly lawn care: Charles Vigdal and Roth are working with other conservation entities to put together a five-year plan to incorporate a lakes-friendly lawn care initiative. The board is supportive of the project. Kleen would like a budget to be submitted when available. Anderson suggested partnering with the RC&D on the project.

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-Horseshoe Bend joint meeting: The county engineer would like to nail down a plan for how the county road project will affect the tubing hill at Horseshoe Bend. The board will plan to meet with the

Board of Supervisors during their regular meeting Tuesday, April 19, or during our next board meeting Tuesday, April 12.

Approval of expenses: Mueske motion, Gronstal second. Approved.

-The Prairie Lakes Conference requested a sponsorship donation from the board, but it was decided that the in-kind donation of our staff hours helping organize the event would be the board's support for this conference.

General discussion

-The board of supervisors has been asked to support the temporary kill-off of curlyleaf pondweed by using the herbicide Endothall.

-Sorenson attended the IWILL day with the State Legislature to try to persuade our local legislators to support the Iowa Water and Land Legacy.

-Dickinson or Clay County will host the August 17 conservation board district meeting.

-Kenue Park was vandalized about three weeks ago, breaking windows and doors in the outbuildings and destroying the swan feeder. Kids were also vandalizing the parking lot at the Winter Sports Area at Horseshoe Bend, and they will be fixing the damage they caused.

Anderson motion to adjourn by Anderson, Gronstal second. Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.