

**Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting**  
**5 p.m. July 8, 2020**  
**22703 Nature Center Road, Okoboji**

**Chair: Steve Anderson, arrive at 5:00 p.m.**

**Vice chair: Willia Mueske**

**Board members: Kathy Kleen, Joan Gronstal**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson**

**Board liaisons: Pam Jordan via phone, Steve Clark**

Call to order by Anderson at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda approval: Gronstal motion, Kleen second. Approved.

Public comment: No public present

Consent agenda/items

- a. Approval of past month's minutes
- b. Recycle report
- c. Environmental education report
- d. Conservation Easement (INHF)

Kleen motion, Mueske second. Approved.

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a. Nature Center parking area: Discuss about starting this year parking the \$100,000 on the Maser Monarch lodge parking area since it was more shovel ready than the nature center parking area. Board agreed to start with the paving that parking area this year.

b. Sherwood Forest update: A second set of trees have been planted within the Sherwood Forest and payment has been processed through the Foundation Board.

c. Board discussed the issue of the bio cell located in East Okoboji Beach area filling with sand and being a weed patch. A contractor has contacted the conservation department to inquire about changing the design of the bio cell. This cell is located on Iowa DNR property and not sure that the conservation board has the right to approve changes to the design. Board felt the first place to have them start is with the IDNR.

Operations and facility update

a. Orleans Beach boat ramp bid: The bid proposal for the boat ramp project will be going out and will be submitted by our next board meeting. Since the bid is projected to be under \$100,000 no public bid is required, only 2 competitive bids.

b. ICCS Survey: Board went through the items on the ICCS survey along with staff responses to the survey. This survey is what our organization would like to see from ICCS and where our organization currently operates.

c. Lodge Rules and regulations: Sorenson asked the Board to review the proposed rules and regulations for the lodge and to email him with any questions or concerns.

d. Covid Leave Policy: The board reviewed the FFCRA covid leave policy which is federal law and will have to abide by those regulations.

e. Bee & Butterfly festival: Sorenson informed the Board that the normal B&B festival would not be happening this year but a much scaled down version due to Covid. The plan is to only do butterfly tag and release, where families will have to schedule a time throughout that week to come to the nature center and tag and release a butterfly.

Approval of expenses: Kleen motion to approve, Gronstal second. Approved.

General discussion

Long term planning: A power point has been started on planning but wasn't able to share due to the relocation to outside the lodge.

Adjournment: Kleen motion, Mueske second. Approved. Adjourn at 6:42 p.m.