

Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting
5 p.m. November 11, 2020
Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji

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

Vice chair: Willia Mueske via Zoom

Board members: Kathy Kleen via Zoom, Eric Stoll via Zoom, Joan Gronstal via Zoom

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather

Board liaisons: Pam Jordan via Zoom, Steve Clark via Zoom

Call to order by Anderson at 5:02 p.m.

Agenda approval: Willia motion, Gronstal second. Approved.

Public comment: No public present

Consent agenda/items

- a. Approval of past month's minutes
- b. Recycle report
- c. Environmental education report

Gronstal motion to approve the consent agenda items, Mueske second. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

a. Fish Habitat grant for HSB: Bridge project, shoreline protection. Would like to submit grant for shoreline protection. Down to the west of bridge. Working in tandem with banking and mussel project. Project estimate for the streambank stabilization is \$55,000. Conservation Board will request \$45,000 from the fish habitat grant. The minimum cost share is 90/10. Due at end of Nov.

Motion for approval: Kleen motions, Stoll seconded. Approved.

b. Orleans Boat Update: Boat ramp moving forward. Diamond concrete is having a hard time with sandbagging to keep water out. They will probably go back to pouring on top and sliding it in. Bid from Kuhlman for the new boat dock suggested he would give us \$1000 for the old boat slip. Offer to Diamond first.

c. Superior Marsh Update: Did start working on tile. Going well. Chris LeRue of the IDNR is overseeing.

Operations and Facility Update:

a. User Permits: Did write up a use permit for events that will be held on county properties. This will help inform the staff and public when organized events are happening on public property. Also will

inform the organizers of the rules and regulation they are expected to follow. No fee or anything. Put it online, they fill it out online, then submitted to us.

Motion to approve. Gronstal motions, Kleen seconded. Approved.

b. Maser Lodge Gift Acceptance: Gifting of the lodge to DCCB. Foundation has made the motion. The Board can accept or deny. Upon signature of Tom Maser DCCB owns the building.

Motion to accept. Mueske motions to accept, Kleen seconded. Approved.

General discussion of Lodge: Acoustical panels up, doors are ready, projector and screen up and working. Basically ready except for phone line for fire alarm and security.

Approval of Expenses: Some big expenses this month.

Kleen motion to approve the monthly expenses with the correction to Kuhlmanns Dock removal., Mueske second. Approved.

General Discussion:

Incident at RCC, landscaper tried to drive under the canopy with a big truck and damaged the canopy. The landscaper will be responsible for the repair of the building.

Brooks golf course: rumor the golf course is being shut down but it's not. We are currently in a 10 year management agreement.

Lodge: All the water pressure and everything is good. There isn't another option for the fire alarm. They don't like satellite because of the unreliability. Could we run a hardline from the Nature Center and just add the lodge to the nature center? Centurylink just needs a line from the box to the pedestal box by the road. If there is a fiber optic line down Nature Center road, that might be a way to get it done. Somehow, put pressure on Centurylink. Waiting on the fire alarm to post a calendar for reservations. Internet for the lodge? Not sure how people would use it, Alissa has a hotspot that could be used. Pursue the internet at the lodge.

Gronstal motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm, Mueske seconded. Approved.