

**Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting**  
**5 p.m. December 09, 2020**  
**Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji**

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

**Vice chair: Willia Mueske via Zoom**

**Board members: Eric Stoll via Zoom, Joan Gronstal via phone**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather via zoom**

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

Call to order by Anderson at 5:04 p.m.

Agenda approval: Stoll 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, Stoll second. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. Electrical easement at HSB

Iowa Lakes Cooperative request an easement to run the line 30 ft east of right away easement along the west side of the tubing hill.

Stoll motion to approve electrical easement, Gronstal second. Approved

- b. Orleans Update

Diamond Concrete completed the boat ramp and sidewalk. Diamond concrete billing was for the amount on the bud with them donating an additional approx. an \$8,000 increase from the bud price. The dock is being fabricated by Kuhlman Lake Services and will be placed in the spring. Called Kathleen Moench from DNR because we're on a grant deadline and the project won't be completed by Dec. 31 but will have to submit a letter of extension. On December 31, 2020 we will be turning management of the Orleans Area back over to the IDNR who owns the property. All utilities will be turned over to the IDNR on that date.

Operations and facility update:

Approval of Expenses: Some big expenses this month.

- Lodge cameras: 5 cameras throughout and around with live feed and recording. Retrievable for at least 30 days. Probably 3 years like the Nature Center's/until storage is full. Alissa does the storage and cutting out of footage.
- Nature Center handicap door repair. The button wasn't working. Called the repair guy and he switched out the motor.

Gronstal motion to approve the monthly expenses, Stoll second. Approved.

General Discussion:

- a. Potentially need guidance on Moose Wetland. If we are partially funded by grant, how do we want to move forward? Foundation would chip in \$5,000 but we would still be \$30,000 short. Water control needs updating. We put it in grant as a year process but will take more. If we can modify grant to go for acquisition... Will have to see if we can do it in phases. Announcement of grant should be Monday or Tuesday. May need another meeting.
- b. Had a district meeting for fish habitat grant. We requested funds for streambank stabilization west of the pedestrian walking bridge at HSB.
- c. On Monday we're having an arborist coming out to talk about injecting our oak trees to help save them. 65% success rate over 3 years but better than 0%. We will have to plant trees in the future.
- d. We have done all the concrete work around lodge for the year. More will depend on budget.

Gronstal motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m., Stoll seconded. Approved.