

**Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting**  
**5 p.m. February 10, 2021**  
**Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji**

**Chair: Willia Mueske via zoom, arrive at 5:00 p.m.**

**Vice chair: Kathy Kleen via Zoom**

**Board members: Eric Stoll via Zoom, Joan Gronstal via zoom, Steve Anderson via Zoom**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather**

**Board liaisons: Steve Clark via Zoom**

Call to order by **Mueske** at 5:04 p.m.

Agenda approval: **Kleen** motioned to approve, **Stoll** 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 Foundation Minutes

**Kleen** motion to approve the consent agenda, **Gronstal** second. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. HSB bridge prelim plans

Ready to go out to bid. Will go out in next week. State bid since going through county. Will cost a little more to keep county involved for engineering advice. \$150,000 is bridge, \$40,000 from Fish Habitat grant but will bid as one item.

- b. Annual Report

Document of annual year to file away for records. 7 grants applied for, 6 granted.

Stoll moved to approve annual report, Gronstal second. Approved.

- c. Hamdorf Property purchase agreement

Agreement that DCCB will purchase property has come through. Sign and send back. Will reach out to PF and CF.

Anderson motioned to approve agreement, Kleen second. Approved.

Operations and facility update:

- a. Budget update if needed

Presented on Jan. 21, nothing heard back. Budget put in as presented, has to go through public meetings.

Approval of expenses:

January bills. 2 sprayers and chip box. Refrigerator and freezer for Lodge bought. Dock is done but wait until spring to put it out.

Gronstal motion to accept bills for month of January, Kleen second. Approved.

General Discussion:

- a. Olsson studio agreement for Sherwood Forest property. Phase one is being reviewed. Will donate money to be used for a specific purpose. Will cut one check for \$77,000 so we don't have to keep giving them receipts. Projected is going to be \$11 million. Will be approved by Conservation Foundation but will be gifted to DCCB. Future maintenance will be covered by the endowment. We shouldn't have to hire another person to maintain, but maybe increase pay for seasonal workers.
- b. Opened Lodge reservations on Feb. 1. Only 3 bookings so far. One writing class, two weddings. Multiple days only charges one cleaning deposit. Acoustic panels are ordered for hallway and conference room. More will be ordered for big room. Youth and philanthropy used the Lodge for their annual meeting. Working on grant for gazebo and benches. Working on bigger grant as gazebos cost a lot of money.

Jury selection is scheduled to be at Lodge.

- c. Got car titles for golf course taken care of. Golf course had fairly good year, partially due to COVID.
- d. Meeting at Lodge for March meeting? Gronstal won't be here in March. Do have wifi. March 10 at 5 p.m. meeting at Maser Monarch Lodge.

Kleen motion to adjourn at 5:32 p.m., Gronstal seconded. Approved.