

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting
5 p.m. May 12, 2021
Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji, IA

Chair:Willia Mueske arrives at 5:00 p.m.

Vice chair: Kathy Kleen

Board members: Joan Gronstal, Steve Anderson

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather

Board liaisons: Steve Clark

Absent: Kathy Kleen, Eric Stoll

Call to order by Mueske at 5:03 p.m.

Agenda approval: Gronstal motioned to approve agenda, Anderson seconded. Approved.

Public comment: No public comment

Consent agenda/items

- a. Approval of past month's minutes
- b. Recycle report
 - Month behind.
- c. Environmental education report
 - Numbers look great
- d. Conservation Foundation Minutes

Anderson motion to approve the consent agenda, Gronstal seconded. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. Sherwood Forest Update

Everything is signed and in place. Landscape company will start drawing up designs. Designs will be done by fall and go to bid in fall.
- b. Okoboji Conservation District

City council voted it down. The land has easements so we don't have to worry about our land.

Operations and facility update:

- a. Parking lot bids for Maser Monarch Lodge

Have bids from Diamond Concrete and Beck Construction. Based on square yards. Still trying to even out the parking lot. Figuring out material. Once we pick a contractor, we'll work to figure it out.

Motion to accept diamond concrete bid by square yards by Anderson, Gronstal seconded.
Approved.

b. Pollinator Paradise Boss Visit

The guys who designed apple trees in Pollinator Paradise will be flying out to document them on May 21-22.

c. Donation of work hours to the Foundation

Need approval of hours for Lee to work on Sherwood project since Foundation has it. The Foundation is looking at hiring an independent contractor. Lee has contacted various resources to ask about the legality of this. The Board can allocate hours for Conservation Board employees to work for the Foundation.

Anderson motions to offer 20 hours of our services and unlimited hours for Lee on the Sherwood Foundation project, Gronstal seconded. Approved.

Approval of Expense:

- a. Verizon roadside equipment - iPad for sprayer that documents spray information.
Judd water samples - pretty normal. No big fluctuations. Weighed cattle as well, haven't seen those numbers yet.

Gertens- Started injecting the oak trees. They donated some products because we have beautiful oaks and they want to use them as examples.

Gronstal motion to accept expenses for the month, Anderson seconded. Approved.

General Discussion:

- a. Supervisors and Dan had meeting about bridges. County is sending 5 bridges out for bid. Our portion might be higher than expected. Bid and go from there.

Were written up for Horseshoe Bend bridge being open even though we had proof of barricade. Now has chain link fencing around the whole bridge. Will try to check it every week.

- b. IRVM program got in trouble for pulling water out of the lake. Issue because of zebra mussels. Can only hydroseed a $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile before refilling. Some business plants hold backwater that maybe could be used. Maybe can get a permit to keep the water in the watershed. Do we need to get a tanker truck? Might need a third person.
- c. Fall conference, Sept. 15-17 in Ames, IA. Reserve some rooms, cancel if don't need them.

- d. Burned quite a bit but are done now. Pioneer Park has a mowed path but side by sides are driving down it.
- e. Nature Center Road should be done by Friday, May 14.

Gronstal motioned to adjourn at 5:41, Anderson seconded. Approved.