

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting

7 p.m. January 12, 2022

at the Dickinson County Nature Center

Chair: Willia Mueske

Vice Chair: Kathy Kleen

Board Members: Joan Gronstal, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Absent: Steve Anderson

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

1. Call to order by Mueske at 7:00 p.m.
2. Agenda approval: Gronstal motioned to approve agenda; Kleen seconded. Approved.
3. Public comment: No public comment
4. Consent agenda/items:
  - a. Approval of past month minutes
  - b. Recycle report
  - c. Environmental Education report

Kleen motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction in the December minutes. Gronstal seconded. Approved.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

- a. Highway 71 update

Been working with Imagine Iowa on the cost and placement of the sign. With the location of the sign, we are attempting to figure out if we need a permit. At this time, the State of Iowa has said they do not require a permit other than the local permit. The US Fish & Wildlife also do not believe they need a permit. Also checking again if there is any possible way to have it located in the IDOT right of way.

- b. Nature Center Entry and building sign

The cost estimate for both signs is approximately \$89,000, which is being covered by Al & Delores Maser. They will start design and sculpture of the sign when the highway 71 sign is complete

c. Brooks golf course shingle approval

Stoll motion to approve the shingle replacement and color for the clubhouse building at the cost being covered by Brooks Management LLC. Kleen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Operations and facility update

a. Board review & approval of proposed FY22-23 budget

Salaries were calculated by taking the 6% BOS recommendation salary increases and adding the entire amount and dividing it in equal amount between all full time employees. That amount came out to \$3,080 with all increases ending up over 6% except the Director, which is at 3.5%. After review and discussion, Kleen made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY22-23. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Petty Cash amount for RCC from \$200 up to \$300

Board discussed the request from the regional collection center to raise their cash box from \$200 up to \$300 to aid in doing daily business. Gronstal motioned to setting the cash box to \$300. Stoll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Election of Officer

Chair Mueske opened the floor for nominations.  
Stoll nominated Kathy Kleen for chairperson, seconded by Gronstal.  
Chair Mueske declares the nominations are closed.  
Motion carried.

Kleen nominated Joan Gronstal for Vice Chair, seconded by Stoll  
Chair Mueske declared the nominations are closed.  
Motion carried.

7. Approval of Expenses

Gronstal motioned to pay the expenses including the board member mileage reimbursement. Kleen seconded. Motion Carried

8. General Discussion

9. Adjournment

Gronstal motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Kleen seconded.