

**Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting**  
**5 p.m. January 13, 2021**  
**Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji**

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

**Vice chair: Willia Mueske via Phone**

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

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather**

**Board liaisons: Steve Clark via Zoom**

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

Agenda approval: **Kleen** motioned to approve, **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
- d. Conservation Foundation Minutes

**Gronstal** motion to approve agenda, **Mueske** second. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. HSB bridge prelim plans

Update on bridge. Should have plans done by end of January. No red flags sticking out. Design shows three places for the footing. Footing on each end. Thought there was only going to be a footing in the middle. Specs says 10 tons. Width is wide enough for a truck so it needs the support. No vehicular traffic. Done at end of January, then put out to bid. Cost estimate is \$150,000.

- b. Approval of CWA grant of Okoboji Wetland

This is the Moose Wetland. Our request was , \$39,182 is what we got. Recommend to accept it. This money isn't available until October.

Kleen moves to accept the grant, Gronstal second. Approved.

- c. WRAC extension

Done with Orleans boat ramp. Extension of the grant to June 30th to get money reimbursed. Talked to Kuhlman's, just finishing top decking. Should be billed in February. Not a floating dock, will cost money to take in and out.

Operations and facility update:

a. Board Review and Approval of proposed 21/22 Fiscal Year Budget

No campground fee. Park rental fees, some go to golf course, some goes to weed eradication, and trails. Monarch Lodge wasn't rented this year.

Completed nature center payment. Most of revenue is grant-based and reimbursed. Kleen motions to approve budget with \$5,000 amendment, Gronstal second. Approved.

b. Election of Officers

Mueske is president, Kleen is vice president.

Anderson motioned to approve, Gronstal second. Approved.

Approval of expenses:

Some lines have \$0.00 why? Explanation on the right side of the Excel spreadsheet. If it's blank, we're not paying them anything.

Reekers cleaning cleans the courthouse and nature center. It's subcontracted.

Renting tanks from ...gas.

Max Yield, fuel tank. They fill both diesel and unleaded. Don't fill every month but close to it in summer.

Gronstal motion to accept bills for month, Stoll second. Approved.

General Discussion:

- a. The Lodge: we are putting rules and regulations online by Jan. 18 and booking calendar online Feb. 1. Added refund policy regarding COVID.

Kleen motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m., Gronstal seconded. Approved.