

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting

7 p.m. October 13, 2021

Via Zoom

Chair: Willia Mueske

Vice Chair: Kathy Kleen

Board Members: Joan Gronstal, Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Jessica Bode

Board Liaisons: 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
 - d. Conservation Foundation minutes

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

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's
 - a. Hamdorf Pledge REAP Grant
REAP scores have not been made public, tabled until next meeting.
 - b. Sherwood Parking lot approval
Gronstal made a motion to approve the plans submitted by Olsen Landscaping and approved the CFDC to move forward with the bidding process for the Sherwood Parking area. Anderson seconded. Motion approved.
 - c. Moose wetland update
There is an agreement for the fish and wildlife service to be able to replace water control system. They will not allow a dock, but will allow for a floating dock. Need motion to approve agreement. Stoll approved, Anderson seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Winter Stella land
Tabled until next meeting because no information has been received for the REAP grant yet.

6. Operations and facility update

a. INHF easement on Bedell land

Heritage foundation has the property next to Bedell land. Would like to have a conservation easement with us to be a set of local eyes to watch it and make sure the conservation stays in accordance with the easement. They are working on writing up the agreement. They want everything wrote up and closed by December 13, 2021. We agreed to it upon a final approval of what final document says. Motion to accept agreement. Gronstal motion to approve and Kleen seconded. Motion passed.

b. ICCS Conference share

Mueske and Gronstal attended the ICCS Conference in Ames. They attended different sessions in regards to strategic planning, master conservationist, and bird counties. Next year it is in Dubuque. Lee asked if there was a difference with a third party vendor hosting it. Gronstal and Mueske both agreed they did not notice a difference and everything flowed smoothly.

c. FY20-21 Annual Review

Tabled until next month.

7. Approval of Expenses

Anderson moves to approve expenses, Stoll seconded. Motion carried.

8. General Discussion

a. Abbie Gardner: Friends group was started. They are cutting down three trees and planning to create woodcarvings out of them. They have raised \$30,000 to complete this so far.

b. Solar Panels: Jeremy would like to attend a meeting to advise the board about the possibility of solar panels out at the nature center and the lodge. Would like to discuss what the size of it would be.

9. Adjournment

Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., Gronstal seconded. Approved.