

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting

7 p.m. November 10, 2021

Dickinson County Nature Center

Chair: Willia Mueske

Vice Chair: Kathy Kleen

Board Members: Eric Stoll, Steve Anderson

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Jessica Bode

Board Liaisons: Steve Clark

1. Call to order by Mueske at 7:04 p.m.
2. Agenda Approval: Kleen motioned to approve agenda, Anderson 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 motioned to approve the consent agenda, Kleen seconded. Approved.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's
 - a. REAP Grant for Hamdorf
We were fifth. They funded 3 ½. We denied the partial and will apply next year again.
 - b. Hamdorf Property sell piece to neighbor (Caleb Bashore 653-5063884)
Neighbor is worried about public hunting on land. Would like to buy 200 feet of the property.
 - c. Letter for Perry Pearson land
Brooks Ltd still owns some land. He owns Par "C" and wants to gift it to us. He would also like the board to write a letter of support for rezoning the 2 plots he owns by the golf course. Its residential and he wants it commercial. Kleen made a motion to send a letter to the city that we are not in opposition. Anderson seconded. Motion approved.
 - d. Okoboji Wetland bids

Will not happen until spring. Will have a meeting to accept bids. They estimated it to be \$16,000.

e. Nature Center parking lot lights

The bid from Milford electric is \$29,800 for 7 light fixtures. Mueske electric bid is \$42,940 for 11 light fixtures. We would also receive a donation from Mueske electric to bring it down to \$30,000. Will be done next spring. Kleen made motion to accept Mueske electric bid. Anderson seconded. Motion approved.

f. HSB bridge Bids

Horse Shoe Bend pedestrian bridge bid came in at \$394,872. Denied the bid. Anderson made the motion to deny the bid. Stoll seconded it. Motion approved.

6. Operations and facility update

a. Solar Panel Presentation

Jeremy Rierson from Simpleray presented about solar panels. Proposal is for the Nature Center, not the lodge. Panels would be 300 feet. The size of one panel is 25 square feet. 7 feet tall and 3 ½ to 4 feet long. He will check if it needs to be fenced in, but he did not think it did. We will request proposals for other bids.

b. FY20-21 Annual Review

Sorenson presented the annual review. Anderson motioned to approved. Kleen seconded. Motion approved.

c. Strategic plan date

Strategic planning is set for Wednesday, December 1st from 6-9 p.m. Food will be served at 5:30. Board members and staff will be present. It will take place at the lodge.

7. Approval of expenses:

Stoll motioned to approve. Kleen seconded. Motion passed.

8. General Discussion

a. Abbie Gardner Summer 2022 historical class

The site will be used for a class. They will be digging to try and find some artifacts.

9. Adjournment:

Kleen motioned to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Anderson seconded. Approved.