

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting

7 p.m. December 8, 2021

at the Dickinson County Nature Center

Chair: Willia Mueske

Vice Chair: Kathy Kleen

Board Members: Joan Gronstal, Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Jessica Bode

1. Call to order by Mueske at 7:02 p.m.
2. Agenda approval: Gronstal 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

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

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

- a. Okoboji wetland control structure bids

There are two bids. Would like to clarify numbers on both bids before deciding. Both bids are close. Motion was made by Gronstal to approve that Sorenson can select the best bid after clarifying numbers. Anderson seconded.

- b. Horseshoe Bend Bridge Discussion

Bids were rejected. Looking into the cost of a new bridge rather than repairing current one. Will look into the estimated cost of the bridge as well as how to fund it. Will look into available grants to fund it.

6. Operations and facility update

a. Solar panel proposed RFP

We will wait a year before moving forward with this to get an accurate amount of energy used for both the nature center building and the lodge. Tabled this topic.

b. Strategic plan review: Four main groups of goals were created through the strategic meeting. Goals covered the topics of fulfilling needs and setting goals for where we want to be, wanting to take the lead role for land acquisition, recreation programming, and outdoor opportunities, creating an education infrastructure, and matching the staff to the workload.

c. Clothing Allowance:

Kleen made a motion to return clothing allowance back to \$300 and add \$100 for safety equipment. Total will be \$400. Anderson seconded.

7. Approval of Expenses

Anderson motioned to pay the expenses. Gronstal seconded.

8. General Discussion

a. Iowa DNR has Horseshoe Bend as public hunting on the DNR app. Sorenson is working to find contact person to fix this error.

9. Adjournment

Kleen motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Gronstal seconded.