

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting

7 p.m. February 9, 2022

at the Dickinson County Nature Center

Chair: Kathy Kleen

Vice Chair: Joan Gronstal

Board Members: Eric Stoll, Steve Anderson arrives at 8:00 pm

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Absent: Willia Mueske

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

1. Call to order by Kleen at 7:00 p.m.
2. Agenda approval: Stoll motioned to approve agenda; Gronstal seconded. Approved.
3. Public comment: No public comment
4. Consent agenda/items:
  - a. Approval of past month minutes
  - b. Recycle report
  - c. Environmental Education reportGronstal motion to approve the consent agenda items. Stoll seconded. Approved.
5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's
  - a. Judd Wildlife Diversity Study- (Paul Freese – IDNR Wildlife research tech- work with the Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring Project which is a cooperative project with Iowa State University to gather baseline information on Iowa's wildlife and habitats. We hire crews of technicians to complete a variety of wildlife surveys on mostly public properties throughout Iowa)
  - b. Sherwood Forest Development Design review – Board reviewed the plans for the Sherwood Forest Design.
  - c. NAWCA grant for Hamdorf Property – Conservation Board will be applying for \$75,000 to help purchase the Hamdorf property through the NAWCA grant.
  - d. Brooks LTD land Donation - Perry Pearson has received the appraisal and have requested the assistant county attorney Steve to work with Fitzgibbons law firm to get things in place for the land donation. I don't want to assume that the Board will accept this land.

- e. Spring Run Shooting Range - In the Spring our staff will be working with the DNR to remove the trees along the trap shooting area. We will also be relocating the 25-yard berm to the North side of the range to free up by the traps. Also want to discourage clay target shooting over the north end over the wetland. The maintenance guys are pouring the new seating forms that will replace the old ones.

6. Operations and facility update

- a. Proposed FY22-23 budget - At this time the BOS of not requested any changes in our proposed budget and it will go to the public meeting process.
  
- b. Maser Monarch Lodge request from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship - one of the board members for the church has reach out to see if they could rent the lodge for every other Monday for their service and what the fee would be. Since it is a nonprofit, we have been allowing nonprofit just to do a donation, but most have been on a non-weekend and once or twice a year.
  
- c. Maser Monarch Lodge rental fees - After a year I would recommend that we change the rental fees and put a weekend package together, this weekend package would be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for \$2,000. This would be a \$550 discount if reserved separately. But helps us form having back-to-back reservation and no cleaning time. Once the Gazebo gets put in with seating, we will revisit the overall cost of rentals. Gronstal made a motion to have a Friday – Sunday (weekend package for \$2,000) Stoll seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  
- d. Abbie Gardner RFP – No update currently
  
- e. Strategic Planning follow up – Will keep records over the next year and revisit in a year from now on the 4 categories.

7. Approval of Expenses

Gronstal motioned to pay the expenses. Stoll seconded. Motion Carried

8. General Discussion

9. Adjournment

Gronstal motioned to adjourn at 830 p.m. Kleen seconded.