

**Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting**  
**7 p.m. June 09, 2021**  
**Maser Monarch Lodge, Okoboji, IA**

**Chair: Willia Mueske arrives at 7:00 p.m.**

**Vice chair: Kathy Kleen (Absent)**

**Board members: Joan Gronstal, Kathy Kleen, Eric Stoll**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Daria Mather**

**Board liaisons: Steve Clark**

**Absent: Steve Anderson**

Call to order by Mueske at 7:01 p.m.

Agenda approval: Gronstal motioned to approve agenda, Stoll seconded. Approved.

Public comment: No public comment

Consent agenda/items

- a. Approval of past month's minutes
- b. Recycle report
- c. Environmental education report
- d. Conservation Foundation Minutes  
Foundation meets 6/14/21

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

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. Sherwood Forest Update  
Moving forward. Emailed deed. Wrote it up for Foundation, who will give it to the Conservation Board. If we don't use the grant in the correct way, it can go back to Sherwood. Explained to Sherwood Foundation that the architecture will be done this summer, construction will be in the fall and hope for good weather.
  
- b. Okoboji Wetland  
We have a grant from Clean water alliance for buying the wetland. The grant is almost \$40,000. Imagine has funds to put signage up on the wetland. We'll have to take \$35,000 from our fund but will be reimbursed.

Stoll motion to go ahead and purchase property from INHF, Gronstal seconded. Approved.

- c. HSB Bridge Update  
Thought the engineer was going to put bridges out to bid but they have not done that yet. Not sure why. Not much of an update.

Operations and facility update:

- a. Fall Conference Board Members attending  
Members who want to go can go. Mueske will attend. Gronstal might attend. Steve won't attend. Stoll won't attend. Anderson will attend.

Approval of Expense:

- Square hardware is for gift shop.
- Gertens is for the 16 trees plus soil injections. Put the newer formula in 5 of our trees for a test run and to use as an example.

Gronstal moves to approve expenses, Stoll seconded. Approved.

General Discussion:

- a. Lee is planning on paying FEMA back for the Horseshoe bend bridge. FEMA says the account is not closed but the former contact said it was.
- b. We got a new phone system at the Nature Center and courthouse. We think we have all the bugs worked out.
- c. The golf course is working with the Foundation for a benefit. They have 3 sponsors already.

Stoll motioned to adjourn at 7:40, Gronstal seconded. Approved.