

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting
7 p.m. September 8 2021
Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji, IA

Chair: Willia Mueske

Vice chair: Kathy Kleen

Board members: Joan Gronstal, Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Board liaisons: Steve Clark

Absent:

Others:

Call to order by Mueske at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda approval: Gronstal motioned to approve agenda, Anderson 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 Easements (Kenue/Brooks/Sherwood)

Anderson motion to approve the consent agenda, Kleen seconded. Approved.

Dickinson County Conservation Board areas:

- a. Okoboji Wetland- water control structure/pier

Sorenson recommended to divert funds from paving the nature center parking area into the Okoboji wetland since it is completely dry and could be cheaper at this time, and heard that concreters are bidding for next fall already. Board decided to gather the information for the water control structure and a possible handicap pier that would extend from the west bank out into the wetland.

- b. Ride Hopes Playground

Maria (works at Kuhlman Lake service) contacted us requesting a possible location for a ADA playground that was originally planned at the Spirit Lake School. Board discussed and felt that the school location would be the most appropriate location for the playground and at this time they hope that they may work something out with the school.

- c. Brooks Golf Course

Sorenson informed the Board that Brooks golf course have caught up on their annual management agreement payments.

d. LRTF Grant 90-30-LR22-207

Gronstal made a motion to approve the resolution for the LRTF Grant for \$10,000 for a Truax seed drill, Stoll seconded. Motion carried.

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Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution for the LRTF Grant for \$15,000 for a Wood chipper, Kleen seconded. Motion carried.

f. Staffing Update

The new naturalist (Britney Snell) is hired and started on September 7. The Community Relations Coordinator (Jessica Bode) is hired and will start by October 1.

Approval of Expense:

Kleen Moves to approve expenses, Gronstal seconded. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

- a. Sherwood forest plans should becoming shortly to show the layout of the items in the park.
Dickinson County Conservation has been requested to host the 2022 Iowa Roadside Conference.

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