

Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting

Dickinson County Nature Center, 22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji

7:00 p.m. April 13, 2022

Vice chair: Joan Gronstal (zoom)

Board members: Steve Anderson, Willia Mueske, Eric Stoll, and Kathy Kleen (absent)

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Jackie Jerge

Board liaison: Steve Clark

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mueske since Gronstal was zoom to run the meeting

Agenda approval: Anderson motion to approve, Gronstal second. Approved.

Public comment: No public present

Consent agenda

-Approval of past month's minutes

-Recycling report

-Environmental education report

Gronstal motion to approve, Stoll second. Approved.

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-MML gazebo seating estimate: Discussion of the benches to be ordered, style, color. Also, discussed whether to seek bench sponsors. Board discussed to not have sponsor for bench as it would hold up ordering time for benches as there would need to have a sponsor secured before bench is made due to design.

-MML Lodge damage deposit: Discussion held about whether to charge for the damage deposit at the time of reservation. Can still charge renter if damage occurs because credit card information will be on file. Motion to discontinue the collection of damage deposit for the Maser Monarch Lodge by Gronstal, Anderson second, motion approved unanimously.

-Spring Run pledge: DNR has funding to give back to local programs at a 90/10 ratio. Discussed fundraising 20,000 to remodel shooting range, relocation of berms, new targets, signage, and security cameras. Motion to approve by Anderson, second from Stoll, approved unanimously. If unable to collect through fundraising it will be funded by the reserve fund.

Operations and facility update

-Staffing Update: Tanner Bouchard hired to replace Douglas Todey as IRVM Manager.

-Personnel Policy Discussion: Discussed possibility of changing current benefit package as ways to retain employees.

Approval of expenses: Stoll motioned to pay the bills, Gronstal second. Approved unanimously.

General discussion

-Nature Center sign sculpture: Base for sculpture will be poured sometime in April.

-MML parking lot update: Concrete forms are going up and should be poured soon in three sections. Drive to be one-way direction.

-H2O Control Structure: The Okoboji wetland water control structure will be replaced over the next few weeks.

Adjournment: Anderson motion to adjourn, Stoll second. Approved. Adjourn at 7:54 p.m.