

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting  
7 p.m. August 10, 2022  
At the Dickinson County Nature Center

Chair: Kathy Kleen

Vice Chair: Joan Gronstal

Board Members: Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Jackie Jerge

Absent: BOS Liaison: Steve Clark, Willia Mueske

1. Call to order by Kleen at 7:00 pm
2. Agenda Approval: Gronstal motioned to approve agenda; Stoll seconded. All approved, motion carried.
3. Public comment: 13 people in attendance. General comments of thanks for working on a new plan for Sherwood Forest. Inquiries on old barn and dump currently on property.
4. Consent agenda/items:
  - a. Approval of past months minutes
  - b. Recycle report
  - c. Environmental Education report
  - d. CFDC Minutes

Gronstal motions to approve consent agenda items; Stoll seconded. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's:
  - a. Sherwood Park Forest Plan review/approval  
Gronstal motions to approve new conceptual plan as presented with the relocation of the Bike experience and removal of the park view entrance and natural playscape, Anderson seconded. All approved, motion carried.
  - b. REAP grant approval (Hamdorf Property)  
Anderson motions to approve a pledge of 50,000 from DCCB Reserve account for the acquisition of the Little Sioux Addition (Hamdorf Property) and approval of submitting the REAP grant for the acquisition of the Little Sioux Addition to be submitted to the Iowa Dept Natural Resources., seconded by Stoll. All approved, motion carried.
  - c. Brooks LTD., L.L.C. land donation 6 acres. Tabled, no paperwork
  - d. Viola Hagedorn land donation approx. 13 acres. Tabled, no paperwork
6. Operations and facility update

a. ARPA grant (Nature Center Parking paved/Kenue Huffcut bathroom)

Applied for 2 grants, \$178,000 pavement for Nature Center parking lot, \$283,000 for entire lot and \$50,000 for new bathroom at Kenue park restroom that has a total cost of \$100,000. The DCCB would cover the other \$50,000 out of the reserve account. Gronstal motions to approve the grant request and funding, Stoll seconded. Motion carried.

b. Nature Center parking lot lights -Completed job. Old light poles taken down.

c. Maser Monarch Lodge; butterfly sculpture landscape payment request.

Bid from Kramer Landscaping, \$18,980. Asking for half, half paid by CFDC. Gronstal motioned to approve, seconded by Anderson.

d. Schoolhouse grant through DAR - Mary Thornhorst offered to write a grant through DAR for the purpose of refinishing the floors and changing the walls from plaster to drywall. Stoll motioned to approve, seconded by Anderson. All approved, motion carried.

#### 7. Approval of expenses

Anderson motioned to approve expenses, seconded by Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

#### 8. General Discussion

a. 35<sup>th</sup> annual roadside conference hosted by Dickinson County Sept 7-9

Equipment demonstration at Kenue Park Sept 8, 3 PM

b. Highway 71 sculpture schedule for Sept 12, 2022, along with entry sign

We will remove old sign prior to installation to prep for new sign.

c. State soil judging on some of county and state properties in October

Students will dig 6 ft deep holes on 20 various grounds, evaluate soil, fill hole in.

d. LRFT grant approved (\$4,500 for second spray logger) (\$10,000 for Polaris Ranger)

#### 9. Adjournment

Kleen called for a motion to adjourn. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM, seconded by Gronstal. All approved.