

Dickinson County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022

22785 Nature Center, Okoboji, IA

Chair: Kathy Kleen

Vice Chair: Joan Gronstal

Board Members: Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll (zoom), Willia Mueske

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark (absent)

Employees: Lee Sorenson

Called to order by Kleen at 7:00 pm

Agenda Approval: Gronstal motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Anderson. All approved, motion carried.

Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes) No public was in attendance

Consent agenda/Items – Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda with a correction in the minutes by including yes vote to Gronstal’s name, seconded by Mueske. All approved, motion carried. (Consent agenda items- Minutes, RCC report, EE report)

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Discussion about the request form the trails board/art center to pay 1/3 of the trail design around the art center wetland. After Discussion Anderson made a motion that the conservation board will decide what is plans on conservation board properties. Seconded by Mueske. All approved, motion carried.

Board discussed possible recognition for former naturalist Barbara Tagami, at this time the board has agreed to allow the family to use the lodge for free for here ceremony in the Spring.

Sorenson informed the Board that he has been selected to serve as an alternate on the REAP grant committee as an alternate, with new DNR rules if your county is submitting a grant in that cycle, you are not allowed to score any of the grant so an alternate will be selected.

Operations and facility update

- a. Board discussed the proposal from Trusted Solar panels, the board requested that Sorenson request a second proposal from another solar panel company to be able to compare between multiple companies.**

Approval of Expenses. Motioned to approve expenses by Mueske, seconded by Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

General Discussion- Brooks reported an order in the gift shop area, IGS smoked the building and found 2 open vent pipes and 2 toilets wax rings that needed to be replaced. Also noted that smoke is come out of cracks outside of the building that will need to be investigated more in the Spring.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm by Gronstal, seconded by Anderson. All approved, motion carried.