

# Dickinson County Conservation Board

## Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

22785 Nature Center, Okoboji, IA

**Chair: Kathy Kleen**

**Vice Chair: Joan Gronstal**

**Board Members: Steve Anderson, Eric Stoll, Douglas Nielsen**

**BOS Liaison: Steve Clark**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson**

Called to order by Kleen at 7:00 pm

**Agenda Approval:** Gronstal motion to add “election of officers” to the agenda, seconded by Anderson. All approved, motion carried. Nielsen made a motion to appoint Gronstal as the chair and Anderson as the Vice Chair. All approved, motion carried. Gronstal served as chair from this point on.

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

**Consent agenda/Items –** Kleen motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Stoll. All approved, motion carried. (Consent agenda items- DCCB Minutes, RCC report, EE report, CFDC Minutes)

**Dickinson County Conservation Board Area’s**

Spring Run Shooting range has been approved for a federal grant through the Iowa DNR for \$350,000 with a local share of 10% match. The bid for the shooting range improvements will tentatively go out in March with construction to begin summer and last to early fall. DCCB will post on our website and social media other locations to use for firearm practice during the closure.

Board discussed a proposed boundary line agreement between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary. One of the IGLS lift stations on the East side of Big Spirit along the Reeds Run Conservation Areas is surrounded by some trees and a fence line which is not on the accurate boundary line. After Sorenson and Anderson met on site they felt that making this agreement was a simple fix for both parties. The Dickinson County Attorney Steve Goodlow reviewed the agreement and did not have any concerns. Stoll made a motion to approve the boundary line agreement between the Conservation Board and the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitation as proposed, seconded by Nielsen. Motion Carried with all ayes, Anderson abstained.

Sorenson informed the Board that he received that morning the bid documents for the Sherwood Forest Park and will email them out after the meeting for review.

**Operations and facility update**

Board discussed the request for a community garden located on the Sherwood Forest Park area. After discussion and due to the many requests lately for community gardens, Kleen made a motion to give the Director the ability to deny future Community Gardens request until further notice, seconded by Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

Board discuss the proposal for solar panels for the nature center and the Maser Monarch Lodge, at this time they have received 2 proposals but it is not clear yet if government agencies can get tax credits if the system is installed.

Board reviewed the FY23/24 budget proposal present by Sorenson. Kleen made a motion to approve the budget as presented that include a 4.2% salary increase and 1.9% stipend with a total request of \$2,337,104.25 seconded by Nielsen. All approved, motion carried. This budget included \$350,000 for the solar panel proposal.

Kleen made a motion to approve the monthly claims, seconded by Stoll. All approved, motion carried.

**General Discussion-** Board discussed some hunting complaints on the Little Sioux Savanna about a landowner interference with legal hunts.

Sorenson provided an update on the SF2323 Land Inventory

**Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm by Anderson, seconded by Kleen. All approved, motion carried.**