

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

22785 Nature Center Rd, Okoboji, IA

Chair: Joan Gronstal

Vice Chair: Steve Anderson

Board Members: Kathy Kleen, Eric Stoll, Douglas Nielsen

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark (absent)

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: 1

1. Call to order. Called to order by J. Gronstal at 7:01 pm.
2. Agenda Approval: E. Stoll motioned to approve agenda, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved motion carried.
3. Public Comments: no comments stated.
4. Consent agenda/items: K. Kleen motioned to consent agenda/items, seconded by S. Anderson. All approved, motion carried.

Agenda/Items:

- a. Approval of past month minutes
 - b. Recycle report
 - c. Environmental Education report
5. Dickinson County Conservation Board 212 Area's:
 - a. LRTF project 90-30-LR24- 212 resolution: Living Roadway Trust Grant for \$3280 and Conservation board will provide \$820 for a total of \$4100.

S. Anderson motioned to make resolution 2023-10-4 to approve providing \$820 in combination to LRTF grant, seconded by D. Nielsen – roll call vote: E. Stoll –aye; S. Anderson – aye; K. Kleen – aye; D. Nielsen – aye; J. Gronstal – aye

- b. Hamdorf property and REAP Grant

S. Anderson motioned to accept REAP grant, if it is offered, seconded by K. Kleen. All approved, motion carried.

E. Stoll motioned to give rights to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to sell easement of Hamdorf property. S. Anderson seconded. All approved, motion carried.

- c. FY22-23 Annual report: Executive Director Lee Sorenson presented statistics and trends from the Regional Collection Center, Environmental Education department, marketing, Roadside department, and Natural Resources Department.

K. Kleen motioned to approve annual report of FY22-23, seconded by E. Stoll. All approved, motion carried.

- d. Westport Stocking: Stocking of 1,100 – 2" Bluegill and 300 – 5" LM Bass added to Westport Pond. DCCB asks the public to NOT bring live fish to pond to preserve the fishery.

6. Operation and Facility

- a. Dickinson County Concerned Citizen response – wind turbines

The Dickinson County Conservation Board received a letter about the Red Rock wind turbine development requesting a response of. Executive Director Lee Sorenson has drafted a letter stating, "The Dickinson County Conservation Board is taking no position in supporting or not supporting the wind turbine application within Dickinson County."

L. Sorenson also included in the draft letter the following from Dickinson County Code:

350.1 Purposes.

The purposes of this chapter are to create a county conservation board and to authorize counties to acquire, develop, maintain, and make available to the inhabitants of the county, public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreational centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people, to encourage the orderly development and conservation of natural resources, and to cultivate good citizenship by providing adequate programs of public recreation.

E. Stoll motioned for the Dickinson County Conservation Board to approve the L. Sorenson's letter in response to the Red Rock's wind turbine development request of response with input of county attorney. D. Nielsen seconded. All approved, motion carried.

- 7. Approval of Expenses: E. Stoll motioned to approve expenses, seconded by S. Anderson. All approved, motion carried.

8. General Discussion:

Discussion of 2025 ICCS conference held in Dickinson County and keynote speaker from 2023 ICCS conference.

- 9. Discussion of REAP Assembly meeting on Oct 3, 2023 in Spencer. There were about 30 attendees; of those, 7 attendees were from Dickinson County.

10. Adjournment: K. Kleen motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.