

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting Agenda  
Dickinson County Nature Center  
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355  
7:00 p.m. February 14, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll

Board Members: Joan Gronstal (absent), Douglas Nielsen, Robert Waters

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

Employees: Lee Sorenson and Amy Heibult

Visitors: Ben Groen from Beck Engineering

1. Call to order.

- E. Stoll called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Agenda Approval

- D. Nielsen motioned to approve agenda, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

3. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes) None.

4. Consent agenda/Items

- a. Approval of past month minutes
- b. Recycle report
- c. Environmental Education report
- d. CFDC Minutes

- E. Stoll motioned to approve consent agenda/items, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Areas

a. Public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the Nature Center Parking Lot project.

- Opened public hearing at 7:05 p.m. No comments given or given in writing. Closed public hearing at 7:06 p.m.
- Ben Groen's recommendation was Vander Pol, out of Orange City, who presented the lowest bid of an estimated amount of \$225,353.76.

b. Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Nature Center Parking Lot project

- D. Nielsen motioned to approve resolution to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of parking lot, seconded by E. Stoll. Roll call vote: Anderson – aye; Stoll – aye; Gronstal (absent); Waters – aye; Nielsen – aye. Resolution adopted.

c. Resolution making awards of construction contract of the Nature Center Parking Lot project.

- Beck Engineering recommends Vander Pol to complete the parking lot project.
- E. Stoll motioned to award Vander Pol the parking lot bid at \$225,353.76, seconded by R. Waters. Roll call vote: Anderson – aye; Stoll – aye; Gronstal (absent); Waters – aye; Nielsen – aye. Resolution adopted.

d. Resolution approving construction contract and bond for the construction of the Nature Center Parking Lot project

- R. Waters motioned to approve contract and bond for the construction of the Nature Center Parking Lot project, seconded by D. Nielsen. Roll call vote: Anderson – aye; Stoll – aye; Gronstal (absent); Waters – aye; Nielsen – aye. Resolution adopted.

e. Sherwood Forest Park Update/ Change order 1 & 2 approval

- Discussion of additional expenses of cleaning and grubbing of shrubs/trees and water main connection.
- Further table discussion of water main connection expenses.

f. Sherwood Forest Park Application for Payment 5 approval

- D. Nielsen motioned to approve Payment 5 for Sherwood Forest Park, seconded by E. Stoll. All approved, motion carried.

g. Spring Run Shooting range update

- Further delays of the gun range construction have occurred due to DNR plans not meeting federal grant requirements.
- R. Waters motioned to approve the application to the Okoboji Foundation Grant, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved motion carried.

h. Iowa DNR County Creek sign grant program

- A grant application has been started to improve label creek signage to increase public.
- D. Nielsen motioned to move forward with the grant application process for creek signage, seconded by E. Stoll. All approved, motion carried.

6. Operation and facility

a. FY24-25 Proposed Budget

- Lee Sorenson had presented proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors. The only changes include Roadside Dept. Income payments will now be withdrawn from Rural Basic funds.

7. Approval of Expenses

- R. Waters motioned to approve payment of expenses, seconded by E. Stoll. All approved, motion carried.

## 8. General Discussion

### a. Abbie Gardner updates

- The state plans on repairing the roof and improving drainage of runoff away from the cabin. Communication about improvements will continue between state and Executive Director Lee Sorenson.

## 9. Adjournment

D. Nielsen motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.