

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes
Dickinson County Nature Center
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. March 13, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson (absent)

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll

Board Members: Doug Nielsen, Robert Waters, Joan Gronstal (zoom)

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark (absent)

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

1. Call to order.

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

2. Agenda Approval

D. Nielsen motion to approve the agenda, seconded by J. Gronstal. 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

J. Gronstal motioned to approve consent agenda/items, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

a. Mountain Bike proposal - Little Foote Forest Addition/ saddle club

- Mountain bike trail enthusiasts attended to discuss the possibility of installing a mountain bike trail in Little Foote Forest Addition/ saddle club.
- The track would be low impact to the environment and long-lasting with minimal erosion.

D. Nielsen motioned to approve moving forward with looking into the mountain bike trail building process, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

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

- Further table discussion is needed for the change order approval.

c. Okoboji Foundation Grant request (Little Sioux Addition)

- Lee Sorenson sent a grant to the Okoboji Foundation for funding to put toward the Little Sioux Addition.
- R. Waters motioned to approve the Okoboji foundation grant request for the Little Sioux Addition, seconded by D. Nielsen. J. Gronstal abstained from the vote (conflict of interest). E. Stoll approved, motion carried.

6. Operation and facility

a. Fish Habitat Grant Agreement Approval

- The DCCB has been awarded a grant for rip rap along Westport Pond to stabilize the shoreline.
- D. Nielsen motioned to move ahead with the fish habitat grant agreement, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

b. Wood salvage Permitting

- R. Waters motions to approve wood salvaging permitting form, seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

7. Approval of Expenses

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

8. General Discussion

Abbie Gardner updates

- Executive Director, Lee Sorenson, met with architects and construction companies to discuss the plans for construction of drainage improvements around the cabin.
- The road next to the cabin will be tore out and will limit parking and driving through that area.

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- Seasonal Natural Resource Aide
- Seasonal Roadside technician
- Part-time Roadside technician
- Naturalist Intern

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9. Adjournment

R. Waters motioned to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.