

Dickinson County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes
Dickinson County Nature Center
22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji, IA 51355
7:00 p.m. April 10, 2024

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Eric Stoll

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

BOS Liaison: Steve Clark

Staff: Lee Sorenson, Amy Heibult

Visitors: 2

1. Call to order.

- S. Anderson called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

- J. Gronstal motioned to approve agenda, seconded by E. Stoll. 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 and amend March agenda to add that 3 visitors were present at meeting, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

5. Dickinson County Conservation Board Area's

a. Mountain Bike proposal

- CFDC has committed to \$1,500 to design plan of mountain bike trail. Other funders have committed to matching that amount to cover the rest of plan cost.
- E. Stoll motioned to move forward with the mountain bike trail proposal, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.
- Location, potential project phases, etc. - tabled for when plans completed.

b. Sherwood Forest Park Update/ Change order 1

- Contractor removed the charge of changing the water piping as that was not the responsibility of the Conservation Board.
- Cost of grubbing trees will remain on change order.

- J. Gronstal motioned to approve Change Order 1, seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.

c. Letter of Request for REAP grant funds

- A letter of request is needed to get the \$300,000 of REAP funds before spending money on Hamdorf acquisition.
- D. Nielsen motioned to approve letter of request for REAP grant funds, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

6. Operation and facility

a. Budget amendment FY23-24

- D. Nielsen motioned to amend the FY23-24 in Fund 08, Fund 14, and Fund 23 areas for expenses and revenues, seconded by J. Gronstal. All approved, motion carried.

7. Approval of Expenses

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

8. General Discussion

a. Abbie Gardner Cabin updates

- Joan Gronstal motioned to make the following statement, "The Dickinson County Conservation Board feels that they should not be part of any discussion on the future of the Abbie Gardner Cabin unless the state, who owns the cabin, is involved." Seconded D. Nielsen. All approved, motion carried.

b. Nature Playscape Information

- AB Creative is working on developing a rough design of a potential playscape they should be ready for review at the next board meeting.

c. Staffing Update

- Seasonal Natural Resource Aide and Seasonal Roadside positions are still open.
- Natural Resource and Roadside departments are prescription burning on several properties and roadside ditches.

d. HF718

- The state has implemented the HF718 law that decreases funding, if county/city growth occurs. If county falls within a certain range of growth, their budget funding reduces from the state. The intent is to decrease property taxes.

9. Adjournment

E. Stoll motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m., seconded by R. Waters. All approved, motion carried.