

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 14, 2016**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Forest Park Museum Administration Building in Perry, Iowa by board chair Mark Powell.

Roll Call

Present were board members Mark Powell, Jim Miller, Lorinda Inman and Glenn Vondra. Board member Nancy DeLong joined via teleconference. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance.

Guests

No guests were present.

Agenda

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Open Forum

There was nothing presented.

Consent Agenda

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the consent agenda items including the May income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

May 10 and May 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Jim Miller and seconded by Lorinda Inman to approve the May 10 and May 26, 2016 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Set Time and Date for Public Hearing Regarding the Paved Crossings Project and Bids

Director Wallace reported the bid date for the paved crossings project is June 28th.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Jim Miller seconded to set the public hearing for the paved crossings project and bid for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Set Time and Date for Special Board Meeting to Approve Wages for FY 2016-17 – Director

Wallace reported the final wage increased has not yet been determined for the budget from the County Board of Supervisors and the Human Resources Department.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to schedule a special board meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Approve Contract of Debris Removal FEMA Project – Director Wallace reported the information has not yet arrived for approval of the contract for the FEMA project. This was tabled for another date.

State Recreational Trail Grant Application – Director Wallace reported the State Recreational Trail Grant Application for the RRVT to HTT connector project is due July 1st. He reported this grant application would be for Phase I construction costs and additional land acquisitions.

Action: Motion by Lorinda Inman and seconded by Glenn Vondra to approve the following resolution: BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Dallas County Conservation Board (DCCB) will apply for a State Recreational Trail Grant for the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) to the High Trestle Trail (HTT) connector project and that the DCCB will adequately maintain the trail for its intended use and maintain the total trail used to justify the project in public use for a minimum of 20 years following project completion, and authorize the Director to sign such application documents. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Tyson Request to Relocate a Section of the RRVT - Director Wallace reported that Tyson did not want to build a structure on the DCCB property; they are requesting additional area for a lane for backing up and parking. There was board discussion regarding possibly granting an easement for this area. The board was not interested in selling any property to Tyson. It was the consensus of the board to request that the Tyson representative attend the July board meeting for further discussion.

RRVT to HTT Connector Project – Director Wallace updated the board on the Connector project reporting that negotiations continue.

Budget – Director Wallace reported that the crack filling in the trail has been completed. The total cost was above the estimate due to the mastic leveling that took more product. This was the Waukee to county line near Linden.

Other Business

Director Wallace gave an update on the Big Bend Wildlife Area Acquisition. He reported that Joe McGovern, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, is having ongoing conversations with the property owner, Roger Gipple. Mr. McGovern was very interested in the board’s suggestion to make the addition to the Kuehn Conservation area a Youth Hunting Area.

The District Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards will be held in Dallas County on July 14th. It will start at Sportsman Lodge and tour Voas. Additional agenda items are yet to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Lorinda Inman moved and Jim Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, the meeting adjourned.

Mark Powell, Chairperson

Date

Sherry James, DCCB Staff

Date