

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2017**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. at the Forest Park Museum Administration Building in Perry, Iowa by board chair Nancy DeLong.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

Director Wallace requested to add an agenda item, Trail Application.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the agenda as amended. 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 February income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Lorinda Inman and seconded by Glenn Vondra to approve the February 15, 2017 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Roof Replacement Quotes for Voas Residence

Director Wallace presented two quotes for replacement of the roof at the Voas Residence.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to accept the quote from Affordable Quality Exteriors in the amount of \$5,985. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Tony York Field Crossing Quote

Director Wallace reminded the board that they previously approved the request for Tony York to build a field crossing, at his expense. Part of the field crossing would encompass a section of the trail.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Jim Miller seconded to accept a quote from Harland Concrete for \$5,700. All members present voted "aye".

Robin Bomford – Turner Mower Purchase

Director Wallace reported this agenda item was a clarification. He reminded the board of their prior approval to purchase a mower for the tractor for trail mowing. Director Wallace reported that in discussion with the two vendors that bid on the mower, they were not quoting identical mowers; one quoted standard controls and one quoted electronic controls. He requested the vendor that had quoted the mower with standard controls rebid the quote for the electronic controls. However, with the amended bid, that vendor was still the lower quote and it didn't change the outcome of the motion to award the bid.

Supplemental Agreement with Snyder & Associates for RRVT to HTT Connector Project

Action: Lorinda moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the Supplemental Agreement with Snyder and Associates as presented contingent upon the DOT's review of the agreement. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Project

Director Wallace reported that he had been notified that the grant was not accepted for the Federal REC grant. He will complete a grant application for the State REC trail grant later this summer.

Paved Crossings Project

Director Wallace reported that in discussion with the Dallas County Engineer, the secondary roads department estimated they could complete the remaining five crossings for an estimated \$88,488. He reported that the RRVTA board designated donations from their recent annual banquet to go towards a \$10,000 match for paved crossings project. Including these funds, there is enough to complete the five crossings in Dallas County.

Tyson Trail Relocation Project – Director Wallace reported that Snyder and Associates is completed the survey for Tyson for the trail relocation. He reported that he continues to meet with the Tyson representatives regarding the .56 acre turn around area and .17 acre parking area. This will likely come before the board at their April meeting. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the property and have final approval.

Strategic Plan

Director Wallace reported that the committee has been finalized and a tentative date of April 4th has been set for the first committee meeting. Jim Miller volunteered to serve on the committee as a Conservation Board member.

Change Regular Board Meeting Start Times to 5:30 P.M.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Jim Miller seconded to hold the monthly Conservation Board Meetings at 5:30 P.M. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Budget – Director Wallace reported that he attended the public hearing for the budget. The budget was approved as presented on March 7.

Trail Application

Director Wallace presented a Raccoon River Valley Trail Application for the BaCoon ride to be held on June 17, 2017.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Jim Miller seconded to approve the application as presented. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Other - Jim Miller asked if the snow drifts on the trail would be removed by the weekend with the expected warm weather for riding. Director Wallace reported that he will visit with the Trail Manager regarding plowing the trail.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Lorinda Inman moved and Jim Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, the meeting adjourned.

Nancy DeLong, Chairperson

Date

Sherry James, DCCB Staff

Date