

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2016**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodward City Hall, Woodward, Iowa by board chair Lorinda Inman.

Roll Call

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

Guests

Rich Voelker, Snyder and Associates, and Jim Caufield, ThePerryNews, were present.

Agenda

Action: Mark Powell moved and Jim Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items

Action: Mark Powell moved and Jim Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda items including the November income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Mark Powell and seconded by Glenn Vondra to approve the November 10, 2015 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Election of Officers

Action: Glenn Vondra made a motion to nominate Mark Powell for Chair. Jim Miller seconded the motion.

Action: Jim Miller made a motion to nominate Nancy DeLong for Vice-Chair. Mark Powell seconded the motion.

Action: Jim Miller made a motion to nominate Glenn Vondra for Secretary-Treasurer. Nancy DeLong seconded the motion.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved the ballot be approved by acclamation. Jim Miller seconded the motion; all members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Brenton Arboretum Request for Directional Sign on the RRVT – Director Wallace reminded the board of their decision to approve nonprofit businesses to place directional signs on the RRVT.

Action: Mark Powell moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to approve the request from Brenton Arboretum to place directional signs on the trail near their business. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Farm Rent Agreements – Director Wallace updated the board regarding the 2016 farm rent agreements. He reported that one tenant did not agree to sign the three year contact agreement as presented. It was the consensus of the board to contact the other tenants to see if they would be interested in renting these acres.

FY 2016-17 Budget – Director Wallace updated the board on the 2016-17 budget. He reported that he is scheduled to meet with the supervisors on Conservation's budget on January 27.

Action: Mark Powell moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the proposed 2016-17 budget with detailed changes. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Trail Fees/Free Weekends on RRVT – Director Wallace reviewed revenue per county of the three counties on the RRVT and discussed the daily and annual fees. He reported that Guthrie County Conservation Board would like to eliminate the daily fees. He reviewed the options of increasing the annual fees, removing the three free-weekends, or eliminating the daily fees.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Mark Powell seconded to eliminate the free weekends, but continue the \$2 daily and \$10 annual fees. All members present voted "aye", motion carried. Glenn Vondra reported that he would like to see the Boards consider increasing the annual fees next January.

Trail Survey Project – Director Wallace updated the board on the Trail Survey Project agreement with ISU. He reminded the board that Phase I is Feb – May and Phase II is June and July. He reported that the last correspondence that he received from the leader of this project from ISU was to schedule a joint meeting to confirm that they were gathering the information that the Board was searching for. Director Wallace suggested forming a committee that might meet a couple of times with this group. It was the consensus of the board to ask Bob German, Randy Jensen, Jim Miller and Mike Wallace to serve on this committee.

Special Trail Event Permit – Director Wallace updated the board on the Special Trail Event Permit that a committee had been working to complete. He met with the county attorney and they amended a few minor things in the Permit.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to accept the Special Trail Event Permit as presented. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Budget – Director Wallace reported there was nothing new to report on the current budget. He will likely bring quotes to the next board meeting for refurbished LP tanks to replace some leased tanks. He also reported there are two or three vehicles due to be replaced.

Public Hearing – Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Project

Action: Nancy DeLong moved and Mark Powell seconded to enter into the public hearing. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Rich Voelker, Snyder and Associates, presented a new map of the possible selections of connecting the two trails. Several members from the public presented to the board with questions and comments regarding the different options.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to close the public hearing. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Jim Miller moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Lorinda Inman, Chairperson

Date

Sherry James, DCCB Staff

Date