

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 9, 2016**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 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, and Glenn Vondra. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance. Board members Nancy DeLong and Lorinda Inman were absent from the meeting.

Agenda

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

July 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Jim Miller and seconded by Glenn Vondra to approve the July 12, 2016 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Book A Bike Program, Perry Library, Mary Murphy, Director of the Perry Library, presented to the board regarding a new program of “book a bike” whereby current library members can borrow a bicycle for a day to ride the Raccoon River Valley Trail. She is hopeful to have two bikes for the pilot program.

Action: Mark Powell moved and Jim Miller seconded to donate two RRVT annual permits to the Perry Library to kick off their “Book a Bike” program. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Tyson Trail Relocation Proposal – Director Wallace reported there was no update.

Trail Connector Name Director Wallace reported there was no update. There was board discussion regarding each entity along the trail paying into a legacy fund.

“Let’s Connect” Fundraising Donation Levels of Support – Director Wallace reviewed the recognition levels for levels of support.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to adopt the five levels of support for the Connector Project as presented. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

LP Quotes Director Wallace reported there were three quotes submitted for LP contracts for the 2016-2017 season.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to accept the quote from Diamond Oil for .78 per gallon for 12,000 gallons. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Work Order FEMA Project Debris Removal – Batey LTD Proposal – Director Wallace presented a work order from Batey LTD accepting the responsibility of burning all of the debris from the FEMA project at the designated burn site for \$265.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Jim Miller seconded to approve the work order for the burning of the debris for the FEMA project. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Trail Head Property in Linden – Director Wallace reported the Dallas County Attorney is working with the Dallas County Assessor for verification of the ownership of this area.

Tony York Field Crossing on RRVT – Director Wallace updated the board regarding the field crossing near Panther Creek Bridge, west of P58. The landowner is willing to pay for all expenses to complete the field crossings.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Jim Miller seconded to allow the property owner to move forward with completing the field crossing. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Martin Marietta, Hallets Gravel Pits, SE Dallas County – Director Wallace updated the board regarding two quarries in SE Dallas County. Once the mining ceases in these quarries, the property becomes owned by Dallas County. The City of West Des Moines has annexed this property so they are now receiving the fees. Upon recommendation of the County Attorney until time when the mining ceases, no action is needed.

Paved Crossings Project – Director Wallace reported that he received the contract documents from the engineer and has contacted three local contractors for quotes. Other potential contractors will be made aware of the project, too. The specs are for two crossings this fall. Quotes are due by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 25th.

A special board meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. to review the quotes received.

Land Acquisition Plan – Director Wallace reviewed the current Land Acquisition Plan. He reviewed the recent purchases and those that might be an option. The criterion for consideration of existing habitat around existing areas was discussed.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Land Acquisition Plan as presented.

Budget – There was nothing to report.

Other Business

Director Wallace reported the Dallas County Foundation Awards Program is scheduled for September 13, 2016 at 6:30. The Conservation Board meeting was rescheduled to start at 5:00 that evening.

Director Wallace reported that a parcel of ground has sold on the north side of the bridge west of Perry. The current owner is willing to sell it to the Conservation Board. It was the consensus of the board to have further discussion on this topic at the August 26th meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Jim Miller moved and Glenn Vondra 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