

**Dallas County Conservation Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 13, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 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, Lorinda Inman and Nancy DeLong. Board members Jim Miller and Glenn Vondra connected to the meeting via teleconference. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance.

**Guests**

Perry Mayor Jay Pattee and the ISU Survey Team were in attendance of the meeting.

**Agenda**

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Nancy DeLong 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 Nancy DeLong seconded to approve the consent agenda items including the August income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**August 9, August 26 and September 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Action: A motion was made by Lorinda Inman and seconded by Nancy DeLong to approve the August 9, August 26 and September 2, 2016 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**Demolition of Raccoon Lodge Quotes** – Director Wallace presented two quotes for the demolition of the Raccoon Lodge at Sportsman Park; Herb's Backhoe, LLC and Bennett Backhoe. He reported that both quotes were within the budget.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to award the project to Herb's Backhoe, LLC for \$3,500. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**Hastie Hall Roof Quotes** - Director Wallace presented two quotes for the replacement of the roof on Hastie Hall; Central State Roofing and Academy Roofing and these quotes are within the budget.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to award the project to Central State Roofing for \$35,145. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**Trail Survey, Economic Impact Study, ISU** – Director Wallace introduced the ISU Survey Team that completed the economic impact study for the RRVT. They presented a summary report of the two phases that they completed. The first phase was the internet survey and the second phase was the in person survey on the trail. They discussed the expectations of the trail users and reported the benefits to the trail towns from an economic standpoint.

The board thanked the ISU survey team for a very thorough analysis of the trail users and the connecting towns along the trail.

**Name for the Trail Connection between RRVT and HTT** – Director Wallace reported that conversation continues regarding the name for the connector trail between the Raccoon River Valley Trail and the High Trestle Trail. Mayor Pattee reported that the City of Perry prefers RRVT to HTT and believes that the majority of the donors for the connector also prefer that name.

**Tyson Request to Relocate a Section of the RRVT** – Director Wallace distributed a drawing from Bolton and Meink, Inc, the City of Perry’s engineer, showing the proposed changes to the trail. The Tyson plant manager has reviewed the drawings and has verbally reported that he accepts the proposals. It was understood by all parties that the entire cost of the moving the trail would be Tyson’s responsibility.

There was board discussion regarding a Quit Claim Deed, lease or sale of the property to Tyson for the trailer parking concerns.

Action: Nancy DeLong moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to accept the proposed new trail location as presented by the City of Perry. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to pursue an access easement for Tyson. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Action: Jim Miller moved to pursue the sale or lease of the Conservation lots that Tyson is currently parking on. The motion failed for lack of second and the board unanimously authorized Director Wallace to continue to review the options.

**Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail** – Director Wallace reported the local fund raising group is continuing to explore avenues for funding. Nothing further to update.

**Tony York Field Crossing Easement** – 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. Director Wallace reported that the county attorney has reviewed the easement.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to approve the easement for the Tony York field crossing contingent upon the Dallas County Board of Supervisors approval.

There was board discussion regarding the county having access to the road in case of trail maintenance or log jams along the river. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

**Booneville Boat Ramp Grant Application** – Director Wallace reported that boat ramp grants are due September 30, 2016. The Booneville gravel ramp is in need of a paved ramp.

**Action:** Glenn Vondra moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to authorize Director Wallace to apply for the Water Recreation Access Grant for a paved ramp for the Booneville boat ramp. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

**Budget** – There was nothing to report.

**Other Business**

Director Wallace reported that Connie Miller, part-time office assistant, is retiring October 28, 2016. The position will be posted soon for her replacement.

Director Wallace reported that he attended the REAP scoring meeting and DCCB did not receive the county REAP grant.

The Dallas County Foundation will be awarding the Conservation Board \$20,000 at their Awards Program for the connector project.

Director Wallace reported that he is waiting on the signed contract with CTI for the paved crossings project.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Nancy DeLong moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, the meeting adjourned.

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Mark Powell, Chairperson

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Sherry James, DCCB Staff

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