

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2016**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 11, 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, Nancy DeLong and Jim Miller. Board member Glenn Vondra connected to the meeting via teleconference. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance.

Guests

None

Agenda

Action: Nancy DeLong moved and Lorinda Inman 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 September income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Glenn Vondra and seconded by Lorinda Inman to approve the September 13, 2016 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Federal Rec Trail Grant Agreement – Director Wallace reported the Federal Rec Trail Grant that was approved last fall for \$170,944 for land acquisition for the connector trail is now ready for the agreement to be signed.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to approve entering into an agreement with the Federal Rec Trails Program for the grant funds of \$170,944. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Federal Rec Trail 2016 Grant Application -

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Nancy DeLong seconded to authorize Director Wallace to pursue applying for the 2016 Federal Rec Trail Grant. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Federal Transportation Alternative Program TAP Grant Application – Director Wallace reported that he will not be applying for this grant at this time.

CIRTPA Grant Application –

Action: Jim Miller moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to authorize Director Wallace to pursue applying for the 2016 CIRTPA Grant. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

RRVT/Tyson Trail Relocation – Director Wallace reported that Tyson is interested in leasing the property that they are currently parking trailers. It was the consensus of the board that Director Wallace continues to negotiate an agreement for the existing trailer parking area and to continue discussing the other areas for a lease.

Paved Crossings Project – Director Wallace reported the Linden Road paved crossing is completed, and the contractor will begin work on the 290th road crossing. DCCB staff plan on doing the paved crossing at the Glen Gery Brick Yard. He reported the Bock Family Foundation has awarded funds for paved crossings, also.

Request for Proposals for DCCB Strategic Plan – Director Wallace reported there were budgeted funds to update the Strategic Plan. He reported he will prepare a RFP to begin the process. He requested input from the Board.

ISU Trail Survey Results – Jim Miller requested the board consider a marketing company that could assist in making the final results of the ISU Trail Survey more user friendly; maybe a brochure. He expressed that he didn’t feel the written hard copy would be utilized. There was board discussion that the Strategic Plan could possibly incorporate the marketing of the trail survey.

Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail – Director Wallace reported the HTT committee met last week and reviewed the name of the connector. They did not have an issue with it being named part of the High Trestle Trail. There was board discussion regarding the City of Perry contributing to a trail Maintenance Fund.

DCCB Staffing Needs – Director Wallace reported he has started working on the next budget. He would like to slowly backfill some positions and hours that were removed in the large budget cut a few years ago.

Budget – There was nothing to report.

Other Business

Lorinda Inman reported there were a couple of quilts on display at the recent quilt show in Des Moines depicting the HTT.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Jim Miller moved and Lorinda Inman 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