

**Dallas County Conservation Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 9, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 9, 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, Jim Miller, Mark Powell, Glenn Vondra and Lorinda Inman. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance.

**Agenda**

Action: Mark Powell moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to approve the agenda as printed. 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 April income/expenditure report and the monthly staff reports. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Action: A motion was made by Lorinda Inman and seconded by Mark Powell to approve the April 11, 2017 board meeting minutes as written. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**Adopt a Trail Applications** – Director Wallace presented three new applications for sections of picking up litter along the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The applications were from the Johnson Family, BATT, and City of Dawson.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to approve the three applications as presented. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**Adopt a Sign Application** - Director Wallace presented a new application for adopting a trail head sign in Adel.

Action: Mark Powell moved and Jim Miller seconded to approve the application for the Adel Trail head sign as presented. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

**State Recreational Trail Grant Application** – There was board discussion regarding whether the grant application should request construction dollars or land acquisition dollars.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Mark Powell seconded to authorize Director Wallace to apply for the State Recreational Trail Grant for construction grant dollars for 1.56 miles from Perry to 130<sup>th</sup> Street. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Mark Powell seconded to approve the Resolution for the DCCB to apply for a 2017 State Recreational Trail Grant for the RRVT to HTT project, Phase I and that the DCCB will adequately maintain the trail for its intended use and maintain the total trail used to justify the project in public use for a minimum of 20 years following project completion and authorize the Director to sign such application documents. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

**Fireworks Policy/Ordinance in DCCB Areas** – Director Wallace reviewed the current policy for fireworks in light of a newly passed state law allowing the selling and using of fireworks in Iowa. He reiterated to the Board that in accordance with the Dallas County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25.03.43, it is illegal to possess or use fireworks without having obtained written permission from the Director.

**Removal of Old Copper Wire Lines from Trail ROW** – Director Wallace reported that a gentleman contacted the office requesting to remove old copper wire that was along the trail. It was the consensus of the board that these requests be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**RRVT to HTT Project** – Director Wallace updated the board on recent conversations with some land and business owners along the proposed route.

**Paved Crossings Project** - Director Wallace reported he was waiting on the DOT to make a decision on using a federal grant. He reported that if a decision is not made in the very near future, they will move forward with donation money and the money approved by the County Board of Supervisors to complete these crossings.

**Tyson Trail Relocation Easement** – Director Wallace reported that the County Attorney is reviewing the legal documents for this project.

**CyBIZ Trail Marketing Project** - Director Wallace reported that he met with three of the team members and discussed some issues he had with their rough draft. He requested they concentrate on the data and numbers for their report.

**Budget** – there was nothing to present.

**Other Business** - Director Wallace reported there have been several drainage problems along the trail this spring. He reviewed the various areas.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Mark Powell moved and Jim Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, the meeting adjourned.

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Nancy DeLong, Chairperson

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Sherry James, DCCB Staff

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