

**Dallas County Conservation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2017**

Call to Order

The Dallas County Conservation Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. at the 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, Glenn Vondra, Mark Powell and Lorinda Inman. Director Mike Wallace and administrative assistant Sherry James were also in attendance.

Introduction of Guests

Jim Caufield, theperrynews.com and Todd Noah, IS Director, were in attendance.

Agenda

Action: Jim Miller 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: Glenn Vondra moved and Mark Powell 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 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Fiber Optics Cable within RRVT ROW for New Jail Site – Todd Noah, IS Director – Todd Noah presented to the board regarding the county's ability to install a fiber optics cable within the RRVT ROW for the new law enforcement center site. The county would own the fiber optic system. He reported there are some options and along the trail was one option being explored.

It was the consensus of the board that more details come back to the board for a final decision.

LP Quotes Director Wallace presented three quotes for LP contracts for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Mark Powell seconded to accept the quote from Diamond Oil for \$.91 per gallon for 12,000 gallons. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Tractor Quotes – Director Wallace presented two quotes for a budgeted new tractor with a trade-in of the MF3625, with loader and forks.

Action: Mark Powell moved and Glenn Vondra seconded to approve the quote from Moss Bros for a Massey Ferguson 4710 for \$32,923, after trade-in. All members present voted "aye", motion carried.

Equipment/Vehicles Purchases – Director Wallace reported he would be bringing quotes to the September board meeting for a new budgeted flatbed dump truck.

Adopt a Trail Application – Director Wallace presented a new application for trail cleanup between Ortonville and S Avenue.

Action: Jim Miller moved and Mark Powell seconded to approve the Adopt a Trail application as requested. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Interstate Power Easement for Overhead Lines – Director Wallace presented an Easement for Overhead Lines with Alliant Energy for upgrading an overhead line.

Action: Glenn Vondra moved and Lorinda Inman seconded to approve the Interstate Power Easement contingent upon approval from the Dallas County Attorney and Dallas County Board of Supervisors. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Perry Community Schools Easement to Dallas County for RRVT to HTT Connector Trail – Director Wallace updated the board regarding an easement from the Perry Community Schools. He reported that the school will act on an easement at their school board meeting.

RRVT to HTT – Director Wallace reported that he has been meeting with potential donors and drafting easement language for a land owner.

Strategic Plan – Director Wallace reported that the committee met on Monday, August 7 and a public hearing was held following their committee meeting. Snyder and Associates will finalize their findings and they will be presented to the Conservation Board at the October Board Meeting.

Land Acquisition Plan – Director Wallace reviewed the current Land Acquisition Plan. He reminded the board of the potential to purchase two Gipple parcels that have been included in this year’s REAP grant application.

Action: Lorinda Inman moved and Mark Powell seconded to approve the Land Acquisition Plan as presented. All members present voted “aye”, motion carried.

Paved Crossings- Director Wallace reported that work has started on the five remaining gravel crossings. The County Engineer is directing these projects.

RRVT Trail Fees – Director Wallace reported the past several years the daily and annual fees for the Raccoon River Valley Trail have remained the same; \$2/daily and \$10/annual. There was board discussion regarding how many other trails require a permit and if there is any interest in increasing the fees.

It was the consensus of the board to not increase the trail fees at this time.

Budget – there was nothing to present.

Other Business – Director Wallace reported that the Annual IACCB Conference is scheduled for September 21 – 23, 2017.

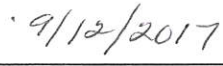
Lorinda Inman reported she had been approached regarding the department fixing the trail on the south loop. Director Wallace reported that cold patches are being applied to some crack areas.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Jim Miller moved and Mark Powell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. All members present voted “aye”, the meeting adjourned.




Nancy DeLong, Chairperson



Date



Sherry James, DQCB Staff



Date