

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2019 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Dave Tabor.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Rob Roman, Dave Tabor, and Megan Manternach. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:52pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Nathan Manternach and Nate Hoogeveen

Approve the Agenda:

Rob made a motion to accept the February agenda. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes:

Rob made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dean made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Russ made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Maquoketa River Restoration Mon-Maq Dam Project Jones County Resident Survey Review – DNR River Program Director, Nate Hoogeveen Attending: A review of the survey was presented by Nate Hoogeveen, DNR River Program Director.

Grant Wood Trail ITC Easement – Grant Wood Trail Committee Members

Attending: Russ made a motion to utilize the funds received from the 2019 ITC Midwest, Grant Wood Trail easement (approximately \$17,364), for acquisition, development, and maintenance of the Grant Wood Trail and associated amenities (on abandoned Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul RR right-of-way located between the Linn County line just west of Martelle to the last section at Oxford Junction) if the Board of Supervisors place the funds into the Conservation Trust Fund. Vegetation removed within the easement area will be replaced with native plantings, including shrubs, prairie and pollinator plantings. The Conservation Director is directed to seek approval from the Jones County Board of Supervisors of the easement and the placement of the easement funds in the Conservation Trust Fund. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jones County Soil and Water Conservation District's Walnut Creek Watershed

Nutrient Reduction Strategy Grant Application Support Letter: Dean made a motion to approve the letter of support for the JSWCD Walnut Creek Watershed Nutrient Reduction Strategy grant application. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Central Park Camping Regulations: Russ made a motion to table the review of Central Park Camping Regulations until the next meeting. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

Seasonal Conservation Employee Start Date and Wages: Russ made a motion to approve Ryan Wageman as a seasonal employee with a start date of March 4, 2019 and a pay rate of \$12.50/hr with a pay increase July 1, 2019 to \$13/hr and Troy Olson as a seasonal employee with a start date of March 4, 2019 and a pay rate of \$14.25/hr. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

FY19 and FY20 Budget Review: Rob made a motion to approve the budget revisions as presented. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Upcoming educational programs were shared with the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates:

Adjournment:

Megan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting is planned for March 11, 2019 at 6:45 pm at Central Park.