JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of July 13, 2020 conducted as an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Russ VonBehren.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, Jeff Pitlik, Dave Tabor and Russ VonBehren. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the July agenda. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the June Regular Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeff. 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.

Dave made a motion to approve the Director signing the monthly claims from the expenditure report. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Maquoketa River Access Development Discussion: Luke Pisarik provided information to the Board about the future development of 3 Maquoketa River accesses.

Review and Discussion of Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Boundary Fence Replacement Requested by MANCO Farms: Dave made a motion to replace the fence requested by MANCO Farms, and to develop and record a fence agreement between MANCO Farms and County property at Eby's Mills Wildlife Area. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Steps Taken COVID-19 State Health Emergency: The Board reviewed the steps taken due to the COVID-19 State Health Emergency.

Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 – Transportation Alternatives Program \$243,145.30 Federal Aid Agreement Review and Approval: Dave made a motion to approve signing the Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement for Phase 2 of the Wapsipinicon Trail. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Updating of the Board's Resolution to Support Phase 2 of the Wapsipinicon Trail: Dean made a motion to update the Board's Resolution to Support Phase 2 of the Wapsipinicon Trail. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PHASE 2 OF THE WAPSIPINICON TRAIL PROJECT

Whereas, Jones County Conservation supports the development of pedestrian trails in Jones County.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Jones County Conservation Board that the Board intends to support the extension of the Wapsipinicon Trail Project (Phase 2) as follows:

1. Operate and maintain the trail for at least 20 years for use by the public.

2. Intends to acquire and provide matching funds required to complete the project.

Adopted by the Jones County Conservation Board this 13th day of July, 2020.

Russ VonBehren

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates:

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on the goose banding at Central Park, the Oxford Mills Access surveying project, campground revenues, and budget modifications by the Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment: Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Russ adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

The next meeting is planned for August 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm.