

Jones County Conservation Board

Minutes from the meeting of August 10th, 2020 conducted at the Scotch Grove Coon Hunters Club, following a tour of Eby's Mill Wildlife Area and River Access.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Megan Manternach.

Board Members present: Dean Zimmerman, Dave Tabor, Megan Manternach. Staff present: Brad Mormann and Curtis Behrens.

Introduction of Guests: No guests in attendance

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the August agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Items:

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Timber Stand Improvement Plan and Maquoketa River Access

Review: Dave made a motion to proceed with design Concept 2 including a gravel parking lot, concrete boat ramp with attached sidewalk and ADA parking stall, and embankment outcropping stone for new river access improvements at Eby's Mill Bridge. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Re-approval of the Operation of Off Highway Vehicles in Jones County Conservation Areas on Designated Roadways and Parking Lots Pursuant to the Restrictions in Jones County's Chapter 16, Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance, Title V-Public Order, Safety and Health adopted December 2018:

Dean made a motion for long term approval of the operation of off highway vehicles in Jones County Conservation Areas on designated roadways and parking lots pursuant to the restrictions in Jones County's Chapter 16, Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance, Title V-Public Order, Safety and Health adopted December 2018 and to remove annual reviews for approval. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Acceptance of the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Historic Resource

Development Program \$44,687 Grant Agreement: Dave made a motion to approve the Director in signing the agreement. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the City of Anamosa's REAP Grant for the Wapsipinicon Trail:

Dean made a motion for Jones County Conservation to support the City of Anamosa in their application for the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 REAP grant. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Educational Updates – Updates were provided on virtual learning opportunities and School of the Wild activities for the upcoming school season.

Conservation Areas and Project Updates –

Updates were provided on the impacts of the Derecho wind storm, Wapsi Trail Phase 2 progress, and the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area tree planting and kiosk development.

Adjournment

Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Megan adjourned meeting at 7:36 pm.

The next meeting date is planned for September 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm.