

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of September 14, 2020 conducted as an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Russ VonBehren.

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

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the August Regular Meeting Minutes:

Dave made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. 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:

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

Business Item:

Review of Derecho Wind Storm Effects on Department Facilities and Woodland Resources, and Bids for Contractor Repair and Cleanup: Dave made a motion to approve Kraus Kustom Builders for the construction work presented (\$3,658) pending the insurance review and to also approve Kraus Kustom Builders for any additional needed repairs. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Use of County Railroad Property by Jones County Secondary Roads Department to Pile Derecho Wind Storm Tree Debris: The Board reviewed the use of County Railroad Property by Jones County Secondary Roads Department to pile derecho windstorm tree debris.

Review of Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Environmental Education Host Site Memorandum of Agreement for year 2021: Jeff approved the Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Environmental Education Host Site Memorandum of Agreement for year 2021. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review a Resolution for the Long Term Operation and Maintenance of the Eby's Mill Bridge River Access Development, and Acquisition of Matching Funds to Complete the Project: Dave made a motion to approve the following resolution. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EBY'S MILL MAQUOKETA RIVER ACCESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Whereas, Jones County Conservation supports the development of river accesses in Jones County.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Jones County Conservation Board that the Board intends to support the Eby's Mill Maquoketa River Access Development Project as follows:

1. Operate and maintain the river access 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 14th day of September, 2020.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Updates on in-person outdoor learning programs at local schools, School of the Wild at Central Park, and the Story Book Walking Trail project.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Additional updates on Derecho storm cleanup.

Adjournment: Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Russ adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

The next meeting is planned for October 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.