

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2020 conducted as an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Megan Manternach.**

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, Jeff Pitlik, and Dave Tabor. 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 November agenda. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review & Approval of the October Regular Meeting Minutes:**

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

### **Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:**

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

### **Staff Reports:**

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

### **Business Item:**

**Review of Nick Zirkelbach's Derecho Tree Trimming Work in Central Park:** The Board tabled.

### **Derecho Windstorm Related County Insurance Claim and Additional Tree Trimming Bid**

**Review:** Dave made a motion to approve up to \$28,300 of tree trimming at Central Park with the awarded company meeting the following insurance thresholds:

CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain insurance throughout said Project in the following minimum amounts:

1. Workman's Compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa covering all employees who perform any of the obligations under the Agreement
2. Public liability and property damage liability insurance covering all operations under the Agreement, limits for bodily injury or death not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for one person and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident; for property damage not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for each accident and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) aggregate during such policy period.

Seconded by Dean. Dave, Dean and Megan ayes. Jeff nay. Motion carried.

**Review of the Austin Strong Foundation Freeze Out Cancer Ice Fishing Tournament at Central Park:** Dave made a motion to approve Austin Strong Foundation Freeze Out Cancer Ice Fishing Tournament on Central Park Lake. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review of the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase II Engineering Plan and Easement Acquisition:**

Dean made a motion to approve the Preliminary Wapsipinicon Trail Phase II Engineering Plan and to approve an agreement with the landowner for a permanent easement that allows the design to move forward. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review of Support Letter and Maintenance Commitment of the Project Area and Signage for the Eby's Mill River Access DNR Water Trail Program Cost-Share Application:**

Dean made a motion to approve the support letter and maintenance commitment of the project area and signage for the Eby's Mill River Access DNR Water Trail Program cost-share application. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Purchases – Chainsaw and Computer:** Dave made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 chainsaws not to exceed \$1200 and the purchase of a computer not to exceed \$2500. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Items:**

**Education Event Updates:** Updates on the upcoming Fall programs and completion of the AmeriCorps position.

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** Update on the Scotch Grove Prairie wetland pipe repair project, the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area fence agreement and tree planting project, and the ITC planting to occur on the Grant Wood Trail – Olin Section.

**Adjournment:** Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting is planned for December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.

