

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of December 11, 2017 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm by Larry Pisarik.

Present were Board Members: Larry Pisarik, Dean Zimmerman, Rob Roman and Dave Tabor. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Mike and Cindy Davies, Gerald Muller, Harvey Johnson, Tom Osbourne and Quinn Phelan.

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the December agenda with the addition of Tom Osbourne addressing the board before the Business Items. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of November Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Tom Osbourne, Friends of the Mon/Maq Dam: Tom shared the Friends of the Mon/Maq Dam activities and website.

Business Item:

Discuss Federal Highway Administration Requirements to Enter Their Section 4(f) Process and Whether to Continue Utilizing Their Grant Funds for the Maquoketa River

Restoration Mon/Maq Dam Project: Dave made a motion to discontinue utilizing additional Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant funding and based on recent FHWA guidance, provide FHWA a project summary report that would allow the board to keep already reimbursed FHWA funding and continue with the project. Seconded by Rob. Dave, Rob and Larry Ayes. Dean Nay. Motion carried.

Maquoketa River Restoration Mon/Maq Dam Fish Habitat Grant Application: Rob made a motion to approve the fish habitat grant application and resolution statement. Seconded by Dave. Larry, Dave and Rob Ayes. Dean Nay. Motion carried.

Central Park 2018 Firewood Vendor Selection: Dave made a motion to accept Matt Lorenzen as the Firewood Contractor for the 2018 Season at \$3 per bundle. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Boat Dock and Erosion Control Material Purchases: Rob made a motion to purchase a Hewitt Boat Dock based on the estimated cost of \$11,250. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rob made a motion to purchase erosion control materials for use during the Central Park Lake Restoration Project. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Bridge Inspection: Rob made a motion to have IIW Engineering perform a bridge inspection. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Contract with Petersons Contracting Incorporated for Additional Dredging in Central Park Lake: Dave made a motion to contract with PCI for additional dredging up to \$60,000 with current project funding. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

FY2019 Preliminary Budget Discussion: The board will plan to discuss the budget at the regular scheduled January 8th meeting unless a meeting is needed earlier based on budget submission deadlines.

Additional Items:

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

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Information provided on securing bids to purchase replacement trees at Central Park, fixing the Hale Wildlife Area kiosk after a tree damaged it, Central Park lake restoration project, Eby's Mill Wildlife Area boundary location determination, and JCCB member recognition following retirement from the Board.

Larry Pisarik presented his letter of resignation from the JCCB after 25 years of service. He will remain on the board until a suitable replacement is found.

Adjournment: Dave moved to adjourn. Rob seconded. All ayes. Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting is planned for January 8th at 6:45 pm at Central Park.