

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa 50436

Minutes

Board Members

Jeff Schmidt
Tim Missal
Mike Korth
Julie Hagenson
Nancy Helm

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

The August 8, 2022 meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Missal, seconded by Hagenson to approve the July 11, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Nature Center updates. The IDED CAT Grant Board has asked for a detailed listing all financial contributions and any building changes before considering approval of a contract amendment extending the time needed to complete the project. That will be sent this week. Change Order No. P97716-001 in the amount of \$7,214.00 to include video capabilities in the nature center elevator as per the Iowa Building Code that went into effect July 1, 2022 was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried. Under general discussion, Kingland Construction Services has requested the use of Structurally Insulated Panels (SIP) for the exterior walls of the Nature Center. According to Kingland, SIP's will decrease labor needed to erect the building, are structurally stronger and more energy efficient. There would be no added cost to the county if they were used. Mark Moine, Martin Gardiner Architecture is looking into the possibility of using SIP's. If needed, the item will be on the September meeting agenda for consideration.

Hogsback Target Range update.

IRVM noxious weed and brush control update.

Update on the DD92 open ditch proposed at the Larson – Tweed Wildlife Area north of Lake Mills. Jacobson-Westergard is engineering the project. Schwartz has asked the drainage engineer to use a pollinator seed mix over the area where spoilage will be spread and reminded them to not disturb the hill adjacent to the proposed ditch.

Woodland management using goats was discussed. The practice has been used successfully on private and public woodlands to remove unwanted understory vegetation without using herbicides or heavy equipment.

The bills were approved with a motion from Schmidt, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.58 A.M. with a motion from Korth, seconded Missal. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Chairman

Secretary