

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.
At the Thorpe Park Office, 34496 110th Ave., Forest City, Iowa 50436

Minutes

Board Members

Jeff Schmidt
Nancy Helm
Mike Korth
Julie Hagenson

Staff Present

Robert Schwartz
Lisa Ralls
Nicole Templeton

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 Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Korth, seconded by Hagenson to approve the August 8, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Work and budget reports were reviewed.

Nature Center updates.

The Iowa Dept. of Economic Development Board has approved amending the counties CAT Grant #21-CAT-011. The grant agreement terms will be extended until June 30, 2024.

A change order to permit the use of Structurally Insulated Panels (SIP) for the exterior wall of the nature was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Korth. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The payment of invoice #45 from Martin Gardner Architecture in the amount of \$2,869.33 for professional services was approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Schmidt. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Groundbreaking for the nature center was discussed. Schwartz has been told that excavation could start within the next week or two. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held.

The Board discussed how to proceed with the approval of future change orders on the nature center project. After discussion, a motion was made by Helm, seconded by Hagenson, to authorize Conservation Board Executive Director, Robert Schwartz, to

approve change orders for the nature center construction to be completed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Hogsback Target Range update.

IRVM brush control update.

Update on the DD92 open ditch proposed at the Larson – Tweed Wildlife Area north of Lake Mills. Jacobson-Westergard has completed engineering for the project which will be discussed at the September 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Approval of the Tenold Tract in Section 21, Norway Twp. for a wetland restoration project bid from A-1 Excavation. Joice, Iowa, in the amount of \$26,750.00 was approved with a motion from Korth, seconded by Helm. Unanimous. Motion carried. All funds for completion of the excavation will be funded through grants from the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Conservation Board will be responsible for re-seeding disturbed areas. The project should be completed in October 2022.

The bills were approved with a motion from Helm, seconded by Julie. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M. with a motion from Nancy, seconded by Hagenson. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Schwartz
Executive Director

Chairman

Secretary