

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2018 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by Dean Zimmerman.

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

Introduction of Guests:

Mike and Cindy Davies and Tom Osborne.

Approve the Agenda:

Rob made a motion to accept the December agenda with the addition of an Additional Item 3c. Maquoketa River item. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of November Regular Meeting Minutes:

Rob made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes with the correction of Dean Zimmerman was a Nay on Approval to Sign a Fish Habitat Program Grant Statement Resolution for the Maquoketa River Restoration Mon-Maq Dam Project. Seconded by Dave. 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:

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

Business Item:

Final Review and Approval of ITC Easement Along the Grant Wood Trail Adjacent to Olin: Dave made a motion to approve the ITC Easement and the Easement Option Agreement along the Grant Wood Trail adjacent to Olin with the amended items presented. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

Shaw Road Trail Maintenance and Operation Endorsement for DOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant: Rob made a motion to approve the following resolution.

Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Whereas, Jones County Conservation supports the development of pedestrian trails in Jones County.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Jones County Conservation Board that the Board intends to support the extension of the Wapsipinicon River Trail Project (Phase 2) as follows:

1. Operate and maintain the trail for at least 20 years for use by the public
2. Intends to acquire and provide matching funds required to complete the project

FY19 and FY20 Preliminary Budget Discussion and Budget Meeting Date

Determination:

Discussion by the board. No action.

Additional Items:

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

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the Central Park Lake Restoration Project, the Maquoketa River Restoration Mon/Maq Dam Project and the Conservation Department tree at the Lawrence Community Center tree walk and Courthouse.

Maquoketa River and Water Restoration: Rob shared an article from The Gazette “Iowa Gives New Life to Rivers by Removing Over 20 Dangerous Dams” and a consultant contact that specializes in stream restoration mitigation banks.

Adjournment: Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

The next meeting is planned for January 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.