

# OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2019

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law at the Classroom, Willow Creek County Park, 5945 Highway 9, Ocheyedan, IA 51354, with the following members present: John Corbett, Ann Byers, Zach Marco, and Jason Otto.

Absent: John Schmidt

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 6:30 P.M. by John Corbett, Chairperson.

A motion was made by Jason Otto, seconded by Ann Byers, to approve the agenda. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by Jason Otto, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by Ann Byers, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by Zach Marco, to repeal the 2018 version of the Osceola County Conservation Board By-Laws. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by Jason Otto, to approve and adopt the 2019 version of the Osceola County Conservation Board By-Laws. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Troutfest event that was held on January 26, 2019 was recapped and discussed.

The Leinen's Pit property was discussed, including a request from the Engineer's Office to have control of a dirt pile for use on field driveways. The Board granted the request for access to dirt for field driveways. Also discussed were the farm lease for Bob Groote, and future plans for development and contacting an engineering firm for a site plan.

Ann Byers addressed the Board regarding an idea for a Conservation Education Farm for the South ¼ of the Loof Property in cooperation with the Osceola SWCD as well as some other partners.

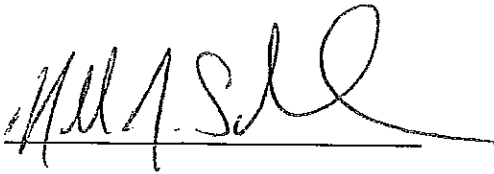
The idea of Kayaks for rental/use at Willow Creek was discussed. Nick will contact the insurance company as well as the County Attorney to discuss potential liability risks.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the Monthly Schedule.

Under General Board Business, a future land disposition as part of an Iowa DOT Bridge repair project was discussed. Director Nicholas Schmalen also informed the Board that the land trade with the Henrichs family near the East Holman Wildlife Area had been completed.

Zach Marco excused himself at 8:58 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by Jason Otto, to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

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John Corbett, Chairperson