

# OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

July 14, 2020

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

Absent: Zach Marco, Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: None

The meeting was opened at 7:04 P.M. by Jason Otto, Chairperson.

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

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by John Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to pay the attached claims with the exception of the claim from C&B Operations. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Loof Property Conservation Farm was discussed, topics included the Osceola SWCD not receiving a grant from Iowa NRCS, A SARE grant application, and a lease with the Osceola SWCD vs a 28E agreement based on information received from the Iowa Attorney Generals Office.

The Farm leases at the Loof Property were discussed. A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by John Corbett, to terminate both farm leases on the Loof Property prior to September 1, 2020. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by John Schmidt, to approve the new Job Descriptions as presented. If concerns or questions arise, they can be revisited at the next meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen informed the Board that the quote he got to take down the cistern at Willow Creek was \$1000.00, he was given permission to proceed with the demolition.

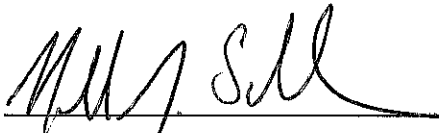
**The Board did a walk around of the exterior of the Lodge, and discussed plans for updates. Estimates for a roof, Windows, a Door, the addition of air conditioning, and updating the electricity will be discussed at the August Meeting.**

**Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the Monthly Schedule.**

**Under General Board Business, the Board looked at the renovations in the interior of the Nature Center, and interpretive panels for Willow Creek near the pond and a possible shelter were discussed.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to adjourn at 9:32 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.**

**The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at a time TBD.**



**Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director**

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**Jason Otto, Chairperson**