

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

August 12, 2020

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law for a regular monthly meeting in the Lodge at Willow Creek County Park, with the following members present: John Corbett, Jason Otto, Ann Byers, and John Schmidt.

Absent: Zach Marco

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:07 P.M. by Jason Otto, Chairperson.

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

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

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to pay the attached claims, including a claim for \$5000 as the Conservation portion of the Grain Bin Shelterhouse at Hawkeye Point. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Loof Property Conservation Farm, as well as the potential seeding of the South field that was formerly hayed.

Discussion was held on having Board members or people that potentially have what may be seen as a conflict of interest apply to be approved vendors for the County.

Discussion was held on a request from a landowner to potentially tile through the Wasmund Slough property in order to relieve water from his property. The Board felt more information was needed before allowing the Landowner to do so.

The Board opened bids from 3 dealers for a new pickup. They were as follows: a 2021 Ram Bighorn from Marthaler Ram of Worthington, \$37,281; a 2021 Ford F-150 XLT from Jeddloh Ford in Sibley, 38,420; a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado LT from Papik Motors of Rock Rapids, \$38,746, and a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado WT from Papik Motors of Rock Rapids, \$32,990. A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to

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purchase the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado WT from Papik Motors of Worthington for \$32,990. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board looked at estimates for the Lodge Renovation project. Bids will be taken for the project and opened at a special Zoom meeting of the Board on September 1, 2020.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the Monthly Schedule.

Under General Board Business, Trout for Willow Creek, Upcoming fall programs, an Alliant Energy Community Foundation Grant, and a request from the City of Sibley for land were discussed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Ann Byers, to adjourn at 9:47 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

Jason Otto, Chairperson