

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

October 13, 2020

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

Absent: Ann Byers, Jason Otto

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:03 P.M. by John Schmidt, Vice-Chairperson.

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

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

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

A discussion was held on the Loof Property Conservation Farm. Items of discussion included a potential grant submitted by the Osceola SWCD, and if the Conservation Board could accept anything but the highest bid for the Farm Lease. Nick will check with the County Attorney.

The Board went and looked at progress on the Willow Creek Lodge Improvement Project. The roof portion has been completed, and the A/C has been installed. Director Nicholas Schmalen will get quotes on an epoxy floor.

Director Nicholas Schmalen presented an amended Contract with the Iowa DNR for the seedings at the Loof Property, as the seeding at the Leinen property was removed. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the amended contract as presented. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board held discussion on applying for a Fish Habitat Grant from the Iowa DNR to armor the shoreline at the Ocheyedan Pits.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Corbett, to submit a Community Foundation of Osceola County Grant for Interpretive Panels at Willow Creek County Park. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen presented the monthly schedule.

Under General Board business, Nick asked to purchase 5-6 more loads of Rip Rap to add some to the South Shore of Willow Creek where rock has disappeared. It was okayed by the Board.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Nicholas J. Schmalen

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Jason Otto, Chairperson