

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

November 10, 2020

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, with the following members present: John Corbett, Ann Byers, Jason Otto, and John Schmidt.

Absent: Zach Marco

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:00 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 John Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Schmidt, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried. John Corbett abstained.

Discussion was held on the Loof Conservation Farm. Topics discussed included whether the Conservation Board could accept a bid lower than the high bid when it comes to the next farm lease, and clean up of the buildings.

Progress on the Lodge Renovation Project was discussed, and bids for putting in a new epoxy floor for the Lodge were looked at.

A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by John Corbett, to approve the resolution to apply for a Fish Habitat Grant from the State of Iowa. Roll call vote. John Corbett, AYE; John Schmidt, AYE; Ann Byers, AYE; Jason Otto, AYE. Motion carried.

The Board discussed creating a wildlife refuge on the west portion of Willow Creek County Park due to increased park usage. Nick will look into what needs to be done to make that happen.

The Board discussed a Mission and Vision Statement for the Osceola County Conservation Board. Director Nicholas Schmalen presented some examples and asked the Board

Members to try and come up with something to present at the next Board meeting. Also discussed were goals and objectives that the Board would like to see happen in the next 5 years.

Director Nicholas Schmalen presented the Monthly Schedule.

Under General Board Business, the board discussed getting the rust fixed on the 2012 F-150 before it becomes more of an issue. Also discussed were purchasing a log splitter, and looking at government leases to trade tractors.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

Jason Otto, Chairperson