

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

January 12, 2021

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law in the Classroom at Willow Creek County Park, with the following members present: John Corbett, John Schmidt, Jason Otto and Zach Marco. The meeting was also available electronically via Zoom, with Ann Byers attending electronically.

Absent: None

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison; Ben Brady, NRCS (via Zoom)

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Jason Otto, Chairperson.

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

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

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

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to nominate John Schmidt as Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2021. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Corbett, that nominations for chairperson cease. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

All voted in favor of John Schmidt being chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2021.

A motion was made by Jason Otto, seconded by John Corbett, to nominate Ann Byers as Vice-Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2021. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by Jason Otto, that nominations for Vice-Chairperson cease. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

All voted in favor of Ann Byers being Vice-Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2021.

The Board reviewed the By-Laws of the Osceola County Conservation Board pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Bylaws of the Osceola County Conservation Board.

The Board reviewed the Administrative Policies of the Osceola County Conservation Board.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the Grant Agreement with the Community Foundation of Osceola County for a grant in the amount of \$2,407.50 for interpretive panels at Willow Creek County Park. All voted “AYE,” motion carried.

The Board looked at bids for replacement of the Conservation Board’s John Deere 5603 tractor. The Bids were as follows: Fendt 513 from Ziegler Cat, \$129,780.00 to trade; John Deere 6140 from C&B Operations, \$98,800.00 to trade; Kubota M6-141 from Jaycox Implement, 87,000.00 to trade. Options for purchasing the tractor on a 4 year payment plan were also discussed. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to purchase the Kubota M6-141 from Jaycox Implement on a 4 year payment schedule, contingent on approval by the Osceola County Board of Supervisors. All voted “AYE,” motion carried.

The Board reviewed the FY 2021-2022 budget. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the FY 2021-2022 budget as presented. All voted “AYE,” motion carried.

Sealed bids were opened for a 1 year lease on 133.3 acres of tillable, and 14.9 acres of hay at the Loof Property. Bids were opened as follows: (1) \$278/acre on the tillable and \$78/acre on the hay ground; (2) 108.50/acre on the hay ground; (3) \$292/acre on the tillable acres and \$105/acre on the hay ground, only wanting the hay if they received the high bid on the tillable; (4) \$1215 total on the hay ground; (5) \$245/acre on the tillable; (6) \$200/acre on the tillable; (7) 105/acre on the tillable; (8) \$262/acre on the tillable; (9) \$201/ acre on the tillable; (10) \$281/acre on the tillable. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Jason Otto, to accept the bids of \$108.50/acre for the hay ground, and \$292/acre on the tillable acres. All voted “AYE,” motion carried. Tenants for the new farm leases will be Dennis Monier on the hayed acres, and AHZW, LLC (Zach Wilson) on the tillable acres.

The Troutfest event to be held at Willow Creek County Park on January 30th was discussed. Topics of discussion included ordering more trout, the giveaway (water bottle with sticker logo, other prizes, and a plan for food.

Under General Board Business, the Loof Property Conservation Farm was discussed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco , to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

John Schmidt, Chairperson