

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

June 10, 2021

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

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by John Schmidt, Chairperson.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to approve the agenda with the addition of agenda item Leinen's Pit Overburden after Item 8. 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. All Voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board briefly discussed the potential expansion of Willow Creek County Park, but Director Nicholas Schmalen informed the Board that had not yet received the appraisal for the property. He was hopeful that he would have it in the next couple of days, and would be notifying the Board about a potential special meeting to discuss this.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Ann Byers, to appoint Nicholas Schmalen as Executive Director of the Osceola County Conservation Board effective July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 with a salary of \$60,449/year for that period. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to appoint Daren Rockman as Maintenance Technician of the Osceola County Conservation Board effective July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 with a salary of \$49,991/year for that period. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Ann Byers, to appoint Matt Jurgens as Resource Naturalist of the Osceola County Conservation Board effective July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 with a salary of \$46,287/year for that period. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to appoint Rebecca Sandersfeld as Administrative Assistant of the Osceola County Conservation Board effective July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 with a salary of \$15.75/hour for that period. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board opened bids for replacement of the 2018 John Deere 997 Lawnmower. The bids were as follows. 2021 John Deere 997 from C&B Operations in Sibley, \$7200.00 to trade; 2021 Kubota ZD1511LF-3-72 from Jaycox Implement in Worthington, \$9950.00 to trade; 2021 Exmark Lazer Z Diesel, \$10,259.00 to trade. A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to approve the purchase of the John Deere 997R from C&B Operations in Sibley for \$7200.00. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

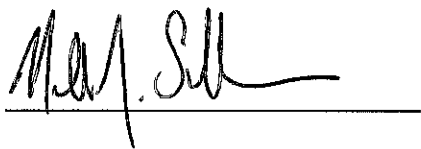
The Board also looked at quotes for a post hole auger. After discussion, the 24 inch bit will be removed from the quotes and the cheapest bid will be taken.

The Board discussed the possibility of selling some of the overburden from the Leinen's Pit Gravel Mining.


Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the Monthly Schedule.

Under General Board Business, a memorial bench for Ray Akkerman at Iowa Lake Park and the Upcoming Outdoor Adventure Night were discussed. The Possible addition of Playground Equipment at Hawkeye Point was also discussed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to adjourn at 9:04 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director


John Schmidt, Chairperson