

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

March 8, 2022

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, Ann Byers, John Schmidt, Jason Otto, and Zach Marco.

Absent: None

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: None

The meeting was opened at 7:04 P.M. by Ann Byers, 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 Jason Otto, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board looked at and discussed the preliminary drawings of the Willow Creek Master Plan from DGR Engineering. Potential meeting dates to meet with DGR will be March 17, or March 24.

A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the Real Estate Contract after checking with the County Attorney on the Closing and the Insurance requirements. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen requested purchasing some fish for several ponds throughout the county including, Willow Creek, Ocheyedon Pit #1, Ashton Wayside Park, and the May City Pit. Nick will check with the Osceola County Sportsmen's Club, the Osceola County Pheasants Forever chapter, and the Ocheyedon Catfish Club to see if anyone is willing to cost share.

Different equipment options to complete the Community Foundation Grant of Osceola County were discussed. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by John Schmidt,

to purchase surface mount tennis and pickleball posts, as well as an adjustable basketball hoop for both DeGraff Park in Melvin and the Ashton Wayside Park. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The potential equipment for installing a small primitive camping area at the Ocheyedan Pits was discussed. More information and options will be explored.

Improving the access to the Sibley Double Borrow pits was discussed and approved. No motion was made, but the consensus of the Board was to proceed with area improvements such as an access lane, parking lot, and low water crossings.

Director Nicholas Schmalen informed the Board that he thought it would be in the best interest of the Osceola County Conservation Board to begin a tree nursery for the expanding of the Willow Creek Campground, as well as replacing several trees that have been removed throughout the county parks. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Jason Otto, to purchase 30 bareroot deciduous trees from Ruhland Nursery in LeMars (\$70/80 per tree). All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the monthly schedule.

Under General Board Business, the Little Sioux Co-op Burn week preliminary meeting was discussed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Zach Marco, to adjourn at 9:53P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

Ann Byers, Chairperson