

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

Carolyn Buckingham, President (zoom)
Bill Waldie, Vice President
Connie Mutel
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin
Gene Zdrazil

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.
Wade Schultz, Op. Supt.
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Prgm. Mgr.
Charlie Bray, Ranger II
Michelle Wiegand, Ed. Specialist

OTHER STAFF:

Ryan Maas, Asst. County Attorney
Lisa Green-Douglass, Board of Supervisors

President Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of November 21, 2023. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$59,879.66, department 32 in the amount of \$30.00, department 35 ARPA F.W. Kent Park Dump Station in the amount of \$151,080.80, department 35 ARPA F.W. Kent Park Shower House Site Improvement in the amount of \$18,330.00, department 40 in the amount of \$722.78, department 44 in the amount of \$854.39, department 82 in the amount of \$603.61, department 83 in the amount of \$9,276.64. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

None present.

Business:

1. Discussion – Meet Michelle Wiegand, Education Specialist

Discussion only.

2. Discussion/Action – Review of the 5-year capital plan.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to adopt the 5-year plan and approve the Director to submit it to the BOS. Seconded by Connie Mutel with unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Review of a proposal from RES for development and planning services for a stream and wetland mitigation bank at Pechman Creek Delta.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to enter into an agreement with RES for the Pechman Creek Delta Stream & Wetland Mitigation Bank Design & Permitting project and to authorize the Director to sign the contract with approval from the County Attorney's office. Seconded by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with 4 ayes and Mutel nay.

4. Discussion/Action – closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. Possible closed session per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

No closed session.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, 5:30 pm – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Budget Presentation to BOS, Monday January 22nd, 2024, 9:00 AM – HHS Building, 2nd floor Conference Room 203C, 855 S Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 16th day of January 2024.

Signature on File

Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary