



**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
WEBEX TELECONFERENCE**

April 8, 2020

Board Members Present:

John O'Donnell
Doug Grenier
Richard Mohr
Beth McAleer

Board Members Absent:

Carol Fennelly

Others Present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Amber Sullivan, Senior Administrative Assistant

Brinson Kinzer, Board of Supervisors Member

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Grenier, all in favor and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed and discussed for the month of March.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the Financial Report from March as presented, seconded by Mr. Grenier, all in favor and passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

BUSINESS:

Acceptance of Pioneer Village Coordinator Deborah Blad's Retirement, effective September 27, 2020:

The Board was presented a letter from Deborah Blad informing the Board of her plans to retire on September 27, 2020.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to accept Deborah Blad's retirement, thanking her for her service and to authorize staff to begin the recruitment process for a new Pioneer Village Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Grenier, all in favor and passed.

Approval of Scott County Library request for free child swim passes for children who complete the library's summer reading challenge:

This is an annual request from the Scott County Library requesting that we partner with them for their 2020 Summer Reading Program "Imagine Your Story", by providing a free single day pass to the pool or beach for each student completing their reading goal.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the Scott County Library's request to provide a free single day swim pass coupon to each student completing their summer reading goal and they are happy to help promote reading, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Acceptance of the \$3,000 Donation from the Quad City Conservation Alliance for the Lake Restoration Project at West Lake Park:

The Board was informed of a \$3,000 check received from the Quad City Conservation Alliance for the Lake Restoration Project at West Lake Park.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to graciously accept the \$3,000 donation from the Quad City Conservation Alliance, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.

Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the IA Department of Natural Resources for Fish Habitat Stamp funds:

The Board was presented a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Iowa DNR for Fish Habitat Stamp funds to be used at West Lake Park as part of the Lake Restoration Project. The agreement sets the terms required for the DNR to reimburse up to \$100,000 to the SCCB upon completion of the project.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Iowa DNR for Fish Habitat Stamp funds for West Lake Park, seconded by Mr. Grenier, all in favor and passed.

Approval of the Grant Contract with the IA Finance Authority for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program grant:

The Board was presented a Grant Contract with the Iowa Finance Authority for the \$75,000 grant awarded to SCCB for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at West Lake Park. The contract sets the terms required for the Iowa Finance Authority to be able to disperse the awarded funds.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Grenier to approve the Grant Contract with the Iowa Finance Authority for the funds awarded to the SCCB for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project at West Lake Park, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Golf Report:

The Board reviewed and discussed the golf reports.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the Golf Reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Mohr, all in favor and passed.

COVID-19 Update:

Conservation staff discussed how they've been working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and assist our visitors and staff at this time of crisis. The Board reviewed the current impacts to our services, facilities and events. All impacts have been posted to the Conservation website, Facebook and sent out as News Releases. If additional changes are mandated or recommended by the Scott County Health Department, these will be released in the same manor.

****Scott County Board of Supervisor's Member Brinson Kinzer joined the meeting and requested permission to address the Conservation Board****

Mr. Kinzer's request to address the Conservation Board was granted. Mr. Kinzer began by expressing his concern over Glynn's Creek Golf Course being open during this health emergency. He asked that the Conservation Board consider closing the golf course and believes it is their duty to protect staff and golfers, by limiting their exposure. He stressed that his concerns are genuine and not political.

Mr. Kean and the Board assured Mr. Kinzer that the Conservation Department has been working closely with the Health Department to make sure we're making safe decisions and that the actions currently in place were made with the recommendation of the Health Department, which the Conservation Board will continue to do.

Mr. Kinzer restated his request and his concerns and thanked the Conservation Board for their consideration before exiting the conference call.

Staff Report:

Summary of monthly highlights from each department.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00pm on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, at the West Lake Park Administration Office.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Mohr to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer