

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Zdrazil, President
Bill Waldie, Vice President
Larry Wilson, Secretary (via Zoom)
Carolyn Buckingham (via Zoom)
Connie Mutel (via phone)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Emily Walker, Office Assistant
Wade Schultz, Operations Superintendent

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of February 18, 2020. Second by Larry Wilson, with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$10,618.09, department 32 bills in the amount of \$3,141.36, department 82 in the amount of \$11,211.40, department 83 in the amount of \$2,983.68, and department 85 in the amount of \$12,935.32. Second by Caroline Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Taylor Theiland, Stanley Consultants (via phone)

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Review of the plans and specifications for the North Shop and set a public hearing date.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to set a public hearing date for April 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion/Action – Contract Services agreement with HBK Engineering for Phase 2 of the North Shop project.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to accept the Contract Services agreement with HBK Engineering for Phase 2 of the North Shop project. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Review of proposals and selection of a consultant for the Clear Creek Trail extension from Half Moon Ave. to Kent Park.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to select Stanley Consultants for the Clear Creek Trail extension. Second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion – Review of the FY19 Annual Report.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Transmission mitigation response to the COVID 19 emergency declarations.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie authorize the Director to work with BOS in regard to the COVID 19 emergency and to close the park as he sees necessary. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

6. Motion was made by Connie Mutel at 7:15 pm to go into closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. 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. Second by Larry Wilson with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Wilson, aye; Mutel, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to come back into open session at 7:50 pm. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion/Action – Relative to items discussed in closed session.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to proceed with the properties as discussed in closed session in the manner discussed in closed session. Second by Caroline Buckingham with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Wilson, aye; Mutel, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – April 21st, 2020, Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 21st day of April, 2020

Signature on File
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File
Larry Wilson, Secretary