

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

Members Present: Bill Ohde, Steve Cornelius, Kristin Torresdal, and Tim Wagner.

Staff Members Present: Barbara Schroeder. **Guests:** None

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes and Claims. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Wagner to approve March minutes. MC. Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to approve April claims. MC

III. Public Comment. None.

IV. Department and Committee Reports.

Staff and Director reports were submitted. Questions about fish removal at Walden Pond and the director talked about relocation to Silver Springs in Ossian, and the board would be informed of any future fish removal if they want to participate. The director noted an upcoming 28E meeting and invited members. The director reported that two Decorah teams would be going to State Envirthon. Of the nine teams, five would have qualified for state, but the “Decorah Rule” only allows 2 teams from a school to participate in state competition. The board agreed to a sponsorship of \$500 with another \$500 for nationals if they qualify.

V. Action Items

1. **Review / Accept Sindelar Wildlife Access Streambank Restoration Bids** Motion by Wagner, 2nd by Torresdal to accept the bid of \$57,122.80 by Mahr Excavating, Dorchester. MC

Mahr Excavating	Bacon Concrete	Raush Construction	Egeland Tiling	Ramstad Construction
\$57,122.80	\$64,336.00	\$75,223.20	\$80,789.00	\$87,242.40

VI. Discussion Items.

1. **Trail and Project Updates.**

The appraiser is working on the first appraisal for the Dry Run Trail reroute location.

2. **Solar Array for Campgrounds**

Revisited installing solar at both Lake Meyer and Kendallville campgrounds. Wagner needed more information but commented that similar companies offer the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with no outlay or ownership.

VII. Items for Future Agendas. Campground fees

VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 1:00 in the Courthouse Annex or Walden Pond.

Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director Barbara Schroeder.