

## MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 12:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA**

**Members Present:** Bill Ohde, Steve Cornelius, Kristin Torresdal, and Tim Wagner. Tina Hall (phone)

**Staff Members Present:** Barb Schroeder, Larry Reis, Ryan Wiltgen, John Kraus, Hanna Meyer, Evan Neubauer, and Maggie Schwartz.

**Guests:** None

**I. Call to Order.** Ohde called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**II. Staff Recognition.** Larry Reis was recognized for his 40 years of service, and he was awarded a plaque.

**III. Approval of Minutes and Claims.** Motion by Cornelius, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wagner to approve December minutes. MC. Motion by Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall to approve January claims. MC.

**IV. Public Comment.** None. It was noted the passing of long-time attendee Janelle Pavlovec

### **V. Department and Committee Reports.**

Staff and Director reports were submitted. Fall Conference update and explanation of our staffing of the Forest Reserve program.

### **VI. Action Items**

1. **Discuss / Approve Bids for Truck Purchase.** No action was taken.
2. **Review/Accept Detention Structure Plans.** Motion by Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torresdal to accept removing Structure #8 and move forward with construction of #1-#6 and the wetland. MC

### **VII. Discussion Items.**

1. **Matching Funds & Upcoming Projects.** The Board of Supervisors were given a list of projects with our matching utilizing all of the Capital Improvement and REAP account funds
2. **2024-2025 Budget.** The Auditor is required to send taxpayers the levy rate. Our budget can be changed anytime up until the end of April.
3. **Trail Updates** – Erdman Engineering is working on a preliminary plan for the bridge and approach. This information will be used for future grants.
4. **Strategic Planning.** No updates

### **VIII. Items for Future Agendas.**

### **IX. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2023, at 1:00 in Courthouse Annex.

Motion by Cornelius, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wagner to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director Barbara Schroeder