

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

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

Staff Members Present: Barb 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torresdal to approve September minutes. MC. Motion by Torresdal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cornelius to approve October claims. MC.

**III. Public Comment.** None

**IV. Department and Committee Reports.**

Staff and Director reports were submitted. The director informed the Board that Larry Reis had not been recognized for his 40 years of service. Our Water Access grant was funded for a new boat dock at Lake Meyer.

**V. Action Items – None**

**VI. Discussion Items.**

1. **2024-2025 Budget.** The director suggested the request should address our needs which include the staff shortage impacting projects, a 4-wheel drive truck, and funds to pay the taxes for Walden. The Board was undecided and would be discussed again at the December meeting.  
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2. **REAP 5-year Plan and WCCB Strategic Planning.** The REAP committee will be revitalized to develop/update the Winneshiek County REAP Plan which needs to be submitted to the DNR. The WCCB staff are working on the strategic planning and will share their information in upcoming meetings.  
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3. **Trail Updates**
  - Supervisor Mark Vick requested the Director to be on the Supervisor's agenda regarding TAP funding. Discussion of the project's unavoidable delays. The Board emphasized sharing our project list and the tourism numbers during our annual report.
  - Erdman Engineering estimated an updated preliminary trail plan would cost between \$5,000 and \$7,500. This would cover the area being rerouted and provide cost estimates for planning and grant writing.

**VII. Items for Future Agendas.**

**VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.**

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

Motion by Torresdal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cornelius to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director, Barbara Schroeder