

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION BOARD OF WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex Bldg., Decorah, IA

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

Staff Members Present: Barb Schroeder.

Guests: Janelle Pavlovec

I. Call to Order. Ohde called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes and Claims. Motion by Torresdal, 2nd by Cornelius to approve August minutes. MC. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal to approve September claims. MC.

III. Public Comment. Janelle requested the Director work on a trail to Spillville and talk with the city council that our interest in connecting the town within our trail system. The Board and Director reiterated that we are not ready to start another trail project at this time.

IV. Department and Committee Reports.

Staff and Director's reports were submitted. The Board suggested taking yearly photos of projects such as Sindelar Wildlife Access stream restoration and Dry Run wetland.

V. Action Items –

1. **Approve Water Recreation Access Grant Resolution** application submission and provide matching funds for a boat dock at Lake Meyer. Motion by Cornelius, 2nd by Torresdal. MC.
2. **Approve Lake Meyer Nature Center Remodeling Projects** – The Board agreed to accept votes taken via email (8/29/23 for spray foam insulation by iFOAM \$17,500) In favor – Cornelius, Torresdal, Ohde, Wagner. The rewiring, insulation, and heating and cooling replacement to the building was approved at the April 11, 2023, meeting. The Board also agreed to pay for all improvements through camping fees deposited in our capital improvement fund.

VI. Discussion Items.

1. **Trail and Project Updates**
 - The results from the trail count and trail counter were provided.
2. **Long-range Planning**
 - No discussion

VII. Items for Future Agendas.

VIII. Adjournment - Schedule Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 1:00 in Courthouse Annex

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

Respectfully submitted by Conservation Board Director, Barbara Schroeder