

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting  
Monday, May 13, 2024  
Boone County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Randy Johnson, Pat Hagan, Jennifer Schieltz, Gary Nystrom

Members absent:

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie Taylor

Chair Jordan officially called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Nystrom made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hagan. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (a special session on April 25) was tabled until the next meeting.

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$16,931.13, plus an invoice from 10Fold for \$18,700. 10Fold will be discussed under New Business. For our yearly budget, we should have almost \$195,000 coming back to our budget from insurance, which will be put back in through a budget amendment by the county supervisors soon. Hagan made a motion to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Nystrom. Passed.

We then moved to the first item of New Business to accommodate our guest.

Clubhouse and Friends of Don Williams update from Bill Greiser. The clubhouse now has a beer permit, so Bill will put up a sign letting all patrons know that they cannot bring their own beer on the golf course, per Iowa code. The Friends group has discussed re-building the shelter on hole 8 that was destroyed last year. He also asked us to look into if it would be possible for us to rent more carts to have on hand for busy days, but Ex. Dir. Taylor noted this would require a budget amendment from the supervisors to give us more money to rent additional carts, and she is not sure if they would be willing to do that.

Old Business:

Clubhouse remodel discussion: During our special session on April 25, the board voted to pause any more “billable” work with 10Fold until we can figure out the budget situation. They replied that they are ~80% done with the drawings for the clubhouse remodel and sent an invoice for another \$18,700. The board is frustrated with 10Fold and does not understand why the cost keeps going up, even when we ask them to remove items. Member Nystrom met with the county engineer and county attorney recently to discuss a possible alternative plan to build a new Morton-type building in a different location, including looking at required setbacks from the road. Member Nystrom is planning to meet with a different company on Thursday to discuss having them make engineered plans for this new building.

Johnson made a motion to continue suspending work with 10Fold while we continue to explore this alternative route. Hagan seconded. Motion passed.

Remaining New Business:

Law enforcement for County Conservation officers discussion: As discussed at a previous meeting, Iowa Code lays out what county conservation officers can and can't do. Our county

attorney is interpreting the code to say that our officers can only enforce the law (write citations, arrest intoxicated drivers, etc.) on **our** properties. The county attorney also says he will not support our officers becoming reserve deputies for the sheriff's office at the same time they are conservation officers, which was discussed at the previous meeting as a possible solution. This puts our officers in a very difficult situation. Ultimately state law needs to be changed to fix this. Ex. Dir. Taylor will review our policy to see how much of it needs to be updated to conform.

Other Board Discussion: The DNR hosted a water training last week at Don Williams with boats on the water. Larry, Cooper and Zack from our staff all took part.

We are still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers to hear back about permission to build the bike trail into Swede Pointe. Member Nystrom suggested asking our county attorney to send them a letter to try to elicit a response from them.

Ex. Dir. Taylor recently got a grant from the county Community Foundation to replace the big signs at all of our parks. Most are in poor shape from being shot and/or faded by the sun.

Nystrom moved to adjourn, Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Marilyn Jordan, Chair

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Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary