

# Dickinson County Conservation Board



## Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m., June 12, 2018

Dickinson County Nature Center, 2279 170<sup>th</sup> Street, Okoboji, IA

**Chair:** Willia Mueske  
**Vice chair:** Eric Stoll  
**Board members:** Steve Anderson, Joan Gronstal  
**Board liaison:** Pam Jordan  
**Employees:** Kiley Roth

1. **Call to order 7:05 p.m.**
2. **Agenda approval: Gronstal motion, Anderson second.**
3. **Approval of past month's minutes:** Kathy Kleen was incorrectly not listed, and Mueske was listed twice. Anderson motion to approve with changes, Gronstal second.
4. **Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County update:** Roth went over the design concepts. Fundraising ideas were discussed.
5. **Environmental education update:** Summer is busy, with 75 toddlers registered for the June Nature Tots. Three camps have filled, and the other camps are filling quickly.
6. **Dickinson County Conservation Board Areas**

**a. Memorandum of Understanding with Secondary Road:** The bridge project on 195<sup>th</sup> Avenue will impact Horseshoe Bend Wildlife Area. The canoe access along the road will temporarily close during construction. It will be reestablished on the north side of the river after the project. The road department would also like a temporary easement along the roadway. Anderson questioned if the area would be returned exactly the way it is --- the agreement simply says "level, smooth and reseed" --- because this may impact the tubing hill if it is not perfectly smooth. Stoll also wanted to make sure that the new parking area and canoe access on the north side of the river would also be done well.

Gronstal asked if it could be specified in the agreement that there would be no impact to the engineering of the tubing hill, how the canoe access will be engineered and some possible dates the construction would be done so the conservation board could know when the canoe access would re-open. Gronstal motioned to table the memorandum until July so those questions could be answered. Approved to table the memorandum until the next meeting.

**b. Pollinator design concepts:** Went over the design concepts from Kramer Design + Production of Cincinnati, OH. Anderson suggested making the café table activities something that can be swapped out to keep it fresh. He also said to make sure butterflies are incorporated throughout, not just in the butterfly area.

**c. Reeds Run Appraisal:** It has not arrived as of board meeting date. No action was taken.

**d. Board Member Conference:** Mueske will be attending. Anderson is planning on attending but will look to make reservations through IACCB since he is a board member.

**e. Road Name Change:** The 9-1-1 board voted against changing the road name to Nature Center Road, not want to take it off of the number grid. The name change request will be taken to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors later in June.

7. **Operations and facility update**

**a. Recycle Center:** The April report was submitted. The city of Milford changed its recycling program and has been calling the Dickinson Recycling Center, which does not do glass/plastic/etc. recycling. In May, the recycling center did much of its own recycling, disposing of the used oil, fluorescent lights, tires, etc.

**b. Horseshoe Bend Shop:** Footings have been poured, and walls have been poured to grade. Water lines are to the property. Electrical is to the building. A section of the land will need to be graded to make sure one corner of the building is level.

**c. County Home Update:** Asbestos was to be completed by today. Executive director Lee Sorenson will work on getting plans by the end of the month.

**8. Approval of Expenses:** Anderson motion to approve, Stoll second. Approved.

**9. General Discussion**

-The indoor beehive is there. It may be good to add perches to the holes and a curtain to darken the hive after hours. A third hole in the area where the bees are cleaning the hive may be needed so the dead can be taken outside of the hive.

-A property owner by the Saddle Club has had other landowners mowing the easement for trail usage, and the INHF or DCCB will need to take over the management of the trail area.

-Jordan was wild asparagus hunting and got blisters, apparently from wild parsnip. Be aware in the ditches, make sure to wear long shirts, pants and safety glasses if around the plant.

**10. Adjournment motion by Anderson, Stoll second. Approved. Adjourn 8:05 p.m.**