

Dickinson County Conservation Board special meeting

1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019

Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji

Chair: Eric Stoll

Vice chair: Steve Anderson

Board members: Joan Gronstal, via phone; Willia Mueske, via phone

Employees: Lee Sorenson, Kiley Roth

Call to order 1:02 p.m.

Agenda approval: Anderson motion, Gronstal second. Approved.

Brooks National Golf Club

-Anderson motion to accept Brooks Golf Club if donated, Mueske second.

-Stoll mentioned that a donor endowment for a separate property might be able to cover the maintenance for this property. Sorenson said the donor may be willing to put an endowment on this property if the golf course can't be leased out. Anderson said another conservation board owns a golf course and makes income from leasing it with very little work. Sorenson said the board of supervisors seem in favor of using the lease money for maintenance. Mueske brought up concerns that the current owners are losing money.

-Other opportunities brought up were it could be used for fishing if the pond is restored, snowshoeing, birding, cross country skiing or more.

-Plan A is to lease it as a golf course. Plan B, if there is no interest in leasing the course, would be to restore it to natives.

-Roll call vote Anderson, aye. Gronstal, aye. Mueske, aye. Approved.

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, Mueske second. Approved. Adjourn at 1:13 p.m.