

## **Dickinson County Conservation Board meeting minutes**

5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019

Dickinson County Nature Center, Okoboji

**Chair: Eric Stoll**

**Vice chair: Steve Anderson**

**Board members: Kathy Kleen, Willia Mueske and Joan Gronstal via phone**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Kiley Roth**

**Board liaison: Pam Jordan**

**Call to order at 5:02 p.m.**

**Agenda approval:** Anderson motion, Mueske second. Approved, prior to Gronstal joining.

### **Dickinson County Conservation Board areas**

**-Brooks Golf Club:** A special meeting was held in January to move to accept an agreement to approve the golf course gift. The agreement has changed from R.H. Land Development donating the land to the conservation board to the Sherwood Foundation donating \$3 million to the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County to purchase the course and then the CFDC donating the land to the conservation board. Amendments to the original purchase agreement include transferring buyer rights to the CFDC, clarifying that sold inventory does not include inventory in the pro shop or in the restaurant and that assets belonging to individual members shall not be required to be removed prior to closing. The closing date has moved from March 1 to March 8.

The CFDC met at 1 p.m. Feb. 27 and approved the new purchase agreement.

Gronstal suggested authorizing Sorenson to sign any new updates coming in lieu of having to hold another special board meeting.

Sorenson also presented a grant agreement that states that Sherwood Foundation is donating \$3 million to the CFDC for the purchase of Brooks Golf Club. It also states that a conservation easement must be placed on the property by Nov. 1 to prevent the property from housing development in the future.

Anderson suggested after the first year of leasing the golf course that community input about the future of the property should be taken and considered.

Anderson motion to approve the grant agreement. Gronstal second. Approved.

Gronstal motion to allow Sorenson to sign any updates to agreements. Other board members suggested having a second signature. Twenty-four-hour notice is needed to hold a special meeting, unless there are emergency circumstances. Mueske second motion with the addition of a second signature from a board member. Approved. Sorenson will notify the rest of the board members as well.

After closing, the future of the golf course will be addressed.

**Operations and facility update:** No updates

**Approval of expenses:** Kleen motion, Anderson second. Approved.

**General discussion**

-Sorenson was called about the Okoboji Foundation land along Highway 71 and asked if the conservation board is willing to purchase the land for \$5,100 per acre. Sorenson said the conservation board is not interested in purchasing that parcel.

-Anderson said the IGL Sanitary District trustees seemed positive about the sewer project that was addressed at the regular February meeting, and it will be presented to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. Cost estimates for going through the golf course look like they will be about \$60,000 cheaper than going through the Kenue Park prairie, but no route has been approved.

-Anderson brought up concerns about Dickinson County assistant attorney Lonnie Saunders.

-Sorenson said that a bill is going through the Iowa House that no governmental entities would be able to purchase land.

-The former County Home is currently being demolished.

**Adjournment: Motion by Anderson, Mueske second. Approved. Adjourn at 5:38 p.m.**