

**Dickinson County Conservation Board**

**22785 Nature Center Road, Okoboji**

**5 p.m. Feb. 13, 2019**

**Chair: Eric Stoll**

**Vice chair: Steve Anderson**

**Board members: Joan Gronstal, via phone; Kathy Kleen arrive at 5:08 p.m.**

**Guest: Kae Hoppe, Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District board member**

**Employees: Lee Sorenson, Kiley Roth**

**Board liaison: Pam Jordan, via phone**

**Call to order 5:05 p.m.**

**Agenda approval:** Gronstal motion, Anderson second. Approved.

**Approval of past month's minutes:** Jordan suggested changing budget amendment to 2018-19 instead of 2018. After last month's minutes, there is no final approval. Gronstal motion to approve as changed, Anderson second. Approved.

**Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County:** The meeting was postponed to Feb. 18 due to weather.

**Environmental education update:** The staff attended the annual Iowa Association of County Conservation Board Employees conference, called Winterfest, Feb. 5-6 in Coralville.

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**-2018-19 overview:** Sorenson went over the presentation about the Dickinson County Conservation Board that he presented to the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors to go along with his budget presentation.

**-Francis Sites/LIDS maintenance agreement:** An agreement with the Board of Supervisors was signed, but some small changes were made in the formatting to make sure it was legal. No motion was needed; Stoll will sign the new copy.

**-Brooks National Golf Club:** Brooks Golf Course was sold with a closing date of March 1 and will be gifted to the Dickinson County Conservation Board. Future plans have been under discussion of whether the golf course will be operational or not.

Anderson motion to seek counsel outside of the county attorneys for another opinion on the matter, Kleen second. Approved.

**-Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District discussion/action:** Anderson is director of the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District and recused himself as a conservation board member for this portion of the meeting. He presented about a new sewer line coming from the west of the nature center on Nature

Center Road. To continue to Highway 71 and run the line along the highway would mean major problems, including a \$1.2 million casing pipe to go underneath the highway. A back-up plan is to directionally bore through the Kenue Park prairie to connect to a city of Okoboji sewer line in the nearby development. Another plan is to reroute a new line through the Brooks Golf Course. Both plans would eliminate air reliefs.

Anderson said the plan was to bid the project in March, but paperwork was delayed at the state level, pushing the plan back to about April or May.

The city of Okoboji expressed agreement to allowing the sanitary district to take over its line. Stoll asked if the sanitary district would provide connection to the new sewer line as part of the agreement for both the nature center and the new Kenue Park lodge.

The sanitary district will move forward with putting together an agreement for a finalized route that would then be presented to the conservation board to approve.

### **Operations and facility update**

**-Budget proposal 2020:** The budget was approved by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors.

**-Recycling center:** The county tax assessment, approved by the Dickinson County Landfill Commission, was raised to \$7 per household to help offset rising recycling costs for electronics, brush chipping and other services.

**-Horseshoe Bend shop:** Sorenson took updated photos of the new Horseshoe Bend shop's progress.

**Approval of expenses:** Kleen motion to pay the bills, Gronstal second. Approved.

### **General discussion**

-Stoll asked about the status of the tubing hill. Status updates are posted each Friday at [www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com](http://www.dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com), located under "Parks" and "Horseshoe Bend."

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kleen, Anderson second. Approved. Adjourn at 6:16 p.m.**