

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Jennifer Schieltz, Molly Ketchum, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Ketchum, 2nd by Treloar, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2019 meeting by Stotts, 2nd by Treloar. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Treloar moved and Stotts seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$14,349.86, REAP – Bait shop expenses totaling \$1,144.98, and Conservation Trust expenses totaling \$18,100.19. Passed.

Old business:

As discussed at a previous meeting, Alliant Energy wants to use some of our land east of the city of Madrid along the High Trestle Trail for a staging area while they are doing work in Madrid. They provided a lease agreement. The board discussed having the county attorney look over the agreement before returning it to them signed. We are still waiting to hear back from the County Attorney.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann is meeting with Alliant Energy tomorrow about an underground utility line they want to bore near the High Trestle Trail.

New Business:

Rich Voelker from Snyder & Associates presented a map of possible bike trail alignments from the High Trestle Trail in Madrid to Swede Point Park. Next steps are to present our proposed alignment to the Army Corps of Engineers (who owns the land, and we lease it from them) for their approval and permitting.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann presented the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Annual Report, which includes a list of key projects, wildlife and land management activities, financial and revenue reports.

The board discussed 2020 user fees and decided to leave them the same from 2019.

Election of 2020 Officers: Marilyn Jordan (whose current term expires 12/31/2019) agreed to continue to serve, so her term will be extended 5 years. For 2020, Al Treloar will move up to Chair, Greg Stotts will be Vice Chair, Jennifer Schieltz will remain Secretary (with Ketchum as backup secretary), and Marilyn Jordan will move back to member. Ketchum moved to approve the slate of officers, Treloar seconded, motion passed.

Open Discussion:

There will be a Boone County Trails meeting on December 12 at 5:30pm in Madrid with neighbors in the area of the proposed bike trail alignment from the High Trestle Trail to Swede Pointe Park.

Dec 28th is the Boone County Christmas Bird count.

The Clover Woods Camp sale is closing this month. From there, INHF will determine how to move forward.

Treloar moved and Schieltz seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Passed.


Marilyn Jordan, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary