

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Zdrazil, President
Bill Waldie, Vice President (via Zoom)
Larry Wilson, Secretary (via Zoom)
Carolyn Buckingham (via Zoom)
Connie Mutel (via Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager
Wade Schultz, Operations Supt.
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Ed. Supt. (via Zoom)

OTHER STAFF:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney (via Zoom)
Julie Miller, Civil Legal Assistant (via Zoom)

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of September 15, 2020. Second by Carolyn Buckingham, with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$52,563.64, department 32 bills in the amount of \$888.04, department 40 in the amount of \$573.23, department 82 in the amount of \$38,720.31, department 83 in the amount of \$1,726.46, and department 85 in the amount of \$2,631.98. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Deborah Neyens of Swisher, via conference call, introduced herself.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Request for bids for debris removal related to the derecho storm event.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the request for bids for debris removal related to the derecho storm event with the contingency of acceptance by the county attorney. Second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion/Action – Request for proposals to design solar arrays at Kent Park and Pechman Creek Delta.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to accept the request for proposals to design solar arrays at Kent Park and Pechman Creek Delta. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Review of the Fall FY20 budget amendment and summary of the conservation bond.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion – Transmission mitigation response to the COVID 19 emergency declarations.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Recognition of staff during challenging times.

Discussion only.

6. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:06 pm to go into closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. Closed session per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Second by Larry Wilson with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Buckingham, aye; Wilson, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to come back into open session at 8:16 pm. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion/Action – Relative to items discussed in closed session – agenda item 6, if needed.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to authorize the Director to move ahead with negotiations, discussions and purchase options for property 1 as discussed and to add it to the coming year's budget, and to continue discussions for property 2 as discussed in closed session. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion/Action – Review of the draft FY21 budget proposal.

Discussion only.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Gene Zdrazil read a thank you card from Gary Pidgeon.

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – November 17, 2020, Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 17th day of November, 2020

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Gene Zdrazil, President

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Larry Wilson, Secretary