

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 16, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Zdrazil, President  
Bill Waldie, Vice President (via Zoom)  
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin (via Zoom)  
Carolyn Buckingham (via Zoom)  
Connie Mutel (via Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director  
Emily Allen, Office Assistant  
Wade Schultz, Operations Supt.  
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Ed. Supt. (via Zoom)

OTHER:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney (via Zoom)  
Lisa Green-Douglas (via Zoom)

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of February 16, 2021. Second by Carolyn Buckingham, with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Carolyn Buckingham to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Public Hearing minutes of February 25, 2021. Second by Connie Mutel, with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$28,503.87, department 40 in the amount of \$395.18, department 82 in the amount of \$74,962.09, and department 83 in the amount of \$2,650.00. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

No public present.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Review and approve bids for solar arrays at Kent Park and Pechman Creek Delta.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to accept the lowest bid from Eagle Point Solar and authorize the Director to enter into the contract with Eagle Point Solar. Second by Connie Mutel with a rollcall vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

2. Discussion – Presentation of the FY20 Annual Report.

No discussion.

3. Discussion/Action – Review process for evaluation of the Executive Director.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion – Thoughts on the conservation communities approach to addressing climate change and technological disruption.

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. Possible 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.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 6:56 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 Carolyn Buckingham with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to come back into open session at 7:28 pm. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

6. Discussion/Action – Relative to items discussed in closed session – if needed.

Not needed.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 20th day of April, 2021.

Signature on File  
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File  
Carolyn Buckingham, Secretary