

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting April 11, 2022
GrimesFarm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

President, Tom Deimerly called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, April 11 at the GrimesFarm and Conservation Center at 5:03 p.m.

Board members present were Pam Paone, Tom Mack, Steve Armstrong, Tom Deimerly, and Rich Naughton. Staff present was Mike Stegmann, Jeremiah Manken, Emily Herring, and Tami Krough. Public present was James Sweeney and Kohle Nieland from Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA) and Susanna Meyer, Staff Writer of the Times Republican.

There was one change to the agenda, the subtraction of the item G: approval of the 28E Heart of Iowa Trailhead management with the city of Rhodes.

There was no public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of March 14, they were declared approved as presented

On a motion by Paone, seconded by Mack, the Board approved the list of claims as presented with addendums. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Mack moved to remove the Green Castle bid approval from the table. Paone seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried. One bid was received from Construct for \$1,012,157.50. Stegmann stated that the project could be put out to bid again, at a later date. Mack to moved to reject the bid from Construct. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Paone moved to open the public hearing for the Three Bridges Swinging Bridge Project #8853. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried. At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed improvements at Three Bridges. There were no written comments, questions, or objections on file in the County Auditor and Recorder's Office. Of the 12 individuals attending the public hearing, zero individual(s) presented oral comments, questions, or objections. Mack moved to close the public hearing for the Three Bridges Swinging Bridge Project #8853. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Acceptance of bids for Project No. 8853, Three Bridges Swinging Bridge Project. Two bids were received:

- Weidner Construction: Base bid \$244,200.28 Bid Alternate #1 \$8,000.00
- Woodruff Construction: Base bid \$320,100.00 Bid Alternate #1 \$0.00

Stegmann stated that FEMA will reimburse the project at 90/10 split and that the Friends of Marshall County Conservation has received 2 grants totally \$7,000 towards the project. Mack moved to approve the bid from Weidner Construction for the Three Bridges Swinging Bridge Project #8853 for \$252,200. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Stegmann asked for approval to complete concrete work at Grimes Farm. The work would include the finish paving the employee parking lot, poured pad by the shelter house for a bike rack, concreting around the kiosk by the covered bridge and the approach to the west door of the sugar shack. Mack moved to approve the concrete work with Aaron Steward for a total of \$28,910.00

Stegmann requested approval to enter an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Fish Habitat Grant #22-01F cooperative agreement for the acquisition of the addition to Sand Lake with a cost share of \$37,921.00. Naughton moved to approve entering into a cooperative agreement with IDNR for Fish Habitat Grant #22-01F. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

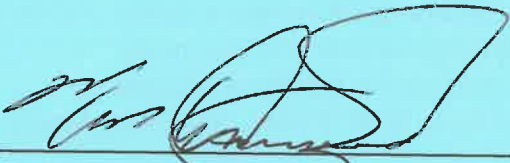
Stegmann sought approval to match funds for a tree replacement grant for Timmons Grove up to \$5,000. Armstrong moved to approve the fund match for the tree replacement grant. Paone seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Stegmann asked for approval for new lighting in the Grimes Farm Shelter by Hansen Electric and the Friends of Marshall County Conservation will help with the expense. Mack moved to approve the new lighting in the Grimes Farm Shelter for \$3,310.00 by Hansen Electric. Paone seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Stegmann requested approval to hire seasonal help. Maintenance support: Julie Stahl, Ethan Meyer, and Hunter Hughlett. Naturalist Intern: Bill Carey. Paone moved to approve the seasonal hires. Mack approved. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Stegmann sought approval to submit a grant to the \$100M Destination Iowa grant program for the Green Castle campground project. Armstrong moved to approve the submittal of the grant to the \$100M Destination Iowa grant program for the Green Castle campground project. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Paone moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.



Tom Deimerly, President



Pam Paone, Secretary/Treasurer