

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting June 14, 2021
GrimesFarm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer, Pam Paone called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, June 14 at the GrimesFarm and Conservation Center at 5:00 p.m.

Board members present were Steve Armstrong, Pam Paone, Tom Mack, and Rich Naughton. Staff present was Mike Stegmann, Jeremiah Manken, Emily Herring, and Tami Krough. Public present was Julie Pickard, Barbara Pickard, Brian Pickard, Lana Bradstream from the Times Republican, Andrea Boulton - Trails and Greenways Director from Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Jeff Schneider - President of Trails Inc., Steve Salasek - Marshall County Supervisor, and Dave Thompson – Marshall County Supervisor. Board member, Tom Deimerly, was absent.

No changes were made to the agenda.

No public comments were made.

There was no corrections to the minutes of May 10, they were declared approved as presented.

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

Julie Pickard presented information about wanting to buy a section of the Heart of Iowa Trail. Discussion was held by the board about the presentation. The board instructed Director Mike Stegmann to pursue information regarding leasing the land.

Stegmann requested approval to order an appraisal to be completed by Hertz Appraisal Services for the land we have first right of refusal to purchase that lies adjacent to the west boundary of Sand Lake. Cost of the appraisal is between \$2,600 and \$3,600. Naughton moved to approve the ordering of an appraisal of the land adjacent to the west boundary of Sand Lake. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Armstrong, Paone, Naughton, and Mack. Motion carried.


Stegmann asked the board the approval to enter into a contract with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates for engineering the suspension bridge at Three Bridges County Park. Fee for the services is \$5,000 and can be reimbursed at 75% by FEMA. Mack moved to approve the engineering services from CGA for the suspension bridge at Three Bridges County Park. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Armstrong, Paone, Naughton, and Mack. Motion carried.

Stegmann presented the board with changes made to the center use policy regarding CDC guideline for mask usage. The new changes were:

As a public facility, social distancing and wearing of masks are required if you are not fully vaccinated. Use of provided hand sanitizing stations and proper hygiene will help prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The display room and library will be temporarily closed during the Covid pandemic. The classroom will be available only for rental purposes beginning July 1, 2021.

Naughton moved to approve the changes to the Center Use Policy for the Conservation Center. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Armstrong, Paone, Naughton, and Mack. Motion carried.

Stegmann requested approval for Fiscal Year 22 salary increases for employees.
Naughton moved to approve the salary increases for employees for FY22. Armstrong seconded.
Voting in favor: Armstrong, Paone, Naughton, and Mack. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6: 20 p.m.



Tom Deimerly, President



Pam Paone, Secretary/Treasurer