

Polk County Conservation Board
Polk County Admin. Bldg.
Room 309
Des Moines, IA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

#1 – Roll Call

Members Present: Levis, Johnson, Cataldo, Smith
Members Absent: Kurovski

#1b – Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

MOTION: Moved by Johnson to approve the meeting minutes as written.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Johnson, Cataldo, Smith

#2 – Public Comments

The following appeared before the Board to express concerns with moving the Great Western Trail out of Willow Creek Golf Course and to express concerns with the possible relocation of the trail along Army Post Road:

John Hurley, 2426 Kenway, Des Moines
Craig Lien, 5706 Terrace Dr., Des Moines
Steve Flanagan, 2001 Crown Flair Dr., West Des Moines
Randy Kramer, 120 SW 5th #804, Des Moines
Maria Ruhtenberg, 114 SW 52nd, Des Moines
Carl Voss, 323 E. 5th, Des Moines
Tim Hielkema, 2502 35th St., Des Moines
Steve Falck, 686 Foster, Des Moines
Dave Freylack, 1920 E 13th St., Des Moines
Andrea Boulton, 2670 Wisconsin, Des Moines
Greg Peterson, 1021 58th St, West Des Moines
Glenn Peterson, 3008 Giles St, West Des Moines
Saralea Monroe, 2315 Glenwood, Des Moines

Carl Voss, 323 E. 5th, Des Moines, asked if trail moved out of the golf course, would it be at the expense of the Clark family; and expressed that he felt property south of the golf course where new roads will cross the trail should be more the focus since this is more apt to happen than moving the trail.

Andrea Boulton, 2670 Wisconsin, Des Moines, stated that records at the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation revealed in 1992 moving of the trail was considered and that move was either going to be cost shared or the total expense was going to be to the golf course, but indicated that was a separate incident.

Rich Leopold, Interim Director for the PCCB, stated the City of West Des Moines is doing a study on the possibility of moving the trail; and the City has indicated they would involve the County.

Dave Freylack, 1920 E 13th St., Des Moines, asked who was in charge of handling this for the County.

Candy Morgan, Polk County Attorney, indicated a combination of PCCB and the Polk County Board of Supervisors were involved and everything should happen at a public meeting.

Chair Cataldo thanked the individuals for their support and indicated the Board would do its due diligence to keep the integrity of the trail.

Board Member Mike Smith told the individuals they were the PCCB's constituents and indicated they will be needed for what is yet to come with Hwy. 5, SW Connector, and Maffitt Road.

#2 - Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Levis to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a) PCCB July & August 2014 bill lists;
- b) formally accepting the bid by Paul Overturff for the Harvest of Standing Prairie Hay at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt with the proceeds going into the Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Haying Protected Funds Account;
- c) purchase of a John Deere 5075E tractor from the Van Wall Group not to exceed the purchase price of \$27,342.38 to be paid out of the general operating budget for Conservation Equipment;
- d) purchase of a Club Car Carryall 500 from NB Golf Cars for a price not to exceed \$9,645.00 to be paid out of the general operating budget for Conservation Equipment;
- e) purchase of two 2015 Chevrolet 1500 4x4 trucks from Bob Brown Chevrolet for a price not to exceed \$64,188;

- f) ratifying action approving publishing notice of a public hearing to be held at the PCCB's September 2014 meeting on granting a temporary easement to the City of West Des Moines to supply electricity and water to the Microsoft construction site south of Pine Avenue;
- g) publishing notice of a public hearing to be held at the PCCB's October 2014 meeting on granting of a permanent sewer easement to the City of West Des Moines for installing a sewer line beneath the Great Western Trail south of Pine Avenue at the new Alluvion site;
- h) donation of a bicycle to the Great Outdoors Foundation to be a part of the auction at their September 19, 2014 Friends Celebration event.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Cataldo, Smith, Levis

#4 – Public Hearing: Great Western Trail - Temporary Easement

Chair opened public hearing on the granting of a temporary easement to the City of West Des Moines for the purpose of supplying electricity and water to the Microsoft construction site south of Pine Avenue in West Des Moines, which results in crossing beneath the Great Western Trail.

Public Comments received:

Craig Lien, 5706 Terrace Dr., Des Moines, inquired about the electricity going two ways. Lown responded that the large power lines would be providing the electricity to the Microsoft facility; this easement was providing temporary water and electricity to the site for construction purposes.

John Hurley, 2426 Kenway, Des Moines asked for consideration of light use of the trail during installation of the easement.

Lown responded that there should be only a one day period that the trail is interrupted
Lisa Beaty, 4211 65th St., Urbandale asked that it not happen on a Wednesday night.

Chair Cataldo closed public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Levis that the Board resolves the granting of a temporary easement to the City of West Des Moines for the purpose of supplying electricity and water to the Microsoft construction site south of Pine Avenue, beneath the Great Western Trail, will not interfere with the use of the property for park purposes and recommends to the Polk County Board of Supervisors that they grant the easement as requested by the City of West Des Moines; and further directed staff to work with the City of West Des Moines to have installation work done on a date that would have lowest interruption of the trail, preferably a Thursday.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Johnson, Smith, Cataldo

#5 Great Western Trail Update

Lown gave an update on the Great Western Trail.

#6 – Jester Park Conservation Center, RDG Planning & Design Agreement Change Order #3

MOTION: Moved by Smith that the Board approve Change Order #3 with RDG Planning & Design for the Development of an Opinion of Probably Construction Costs in the amount of \$25,000 for the Jester Park Conservation Center. Funding will come from PCWLL funds.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Cataldo, Johnson, Levis

#7 – Yellow Banks Park, Dam Rehabilitation, RW Excavating Change Order #2

MOTION: Moved by Johnson that the Board approve Change Order #2 for an additional amount of \$42,040.43 to RW Excavating for work related to the Yellow Banks Dam Rehabilitation Project; and the Board further authorizes the Interim Director to sign said change order when it is received from the contractor. Funding will come from PCWLL funds.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Smith, Levis, Johnson

#8 – Easter Lake Watershed Project, Agreement for Geotechnical Services

MOTION: Moved by Levis that the Board authorizes the Chair to sign the Agreement for Professional Services with Allender Butzke Engineer, Inc. to conduct geotechnical work related to the Easter Lake Watershed Project at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. Funding will come from PCWLL funds.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Johnson, Cataldo, Levis

#9 – Easter Lake Park, Covered Bridge Renovation

MOTION: Moved by Smith that the Board approves accepting the low bid of \$57,220 from Whitey Exteriors for renovation of the Easter Lake Park covered bridge and approves the miscellaneous maintenance work to be completed by PCC staff at an estimated cost of \$11,260 for a total project cost not to exceed \$68,480; the Board further approves the Chair signing the Agreement with Whitey Exteriors. Funding will come from PCWLL funds.

VOTE YEA: Levis, Cataldo, Johnson, Smith

#10 – Purchase – Mini Excavator

MOTION: Moved by Levis that the Board approve the purchase of an E-45 Melrose Bobcat mini-excavator from Capitol City Equipment per state contract pricing at a cost of \$55,626.94 plus a \$1,000 contingency for a not to exceed price of \$56,626.94. Funding for this purchase will be split 50/50 between REAP and PCWLL Funds.

VOTE YEA: Johnson, Levis, Smith, Cataldo

#11 – Interim Director

MOTION: Moved by Johnson that the Board affirm deputy director Richard Leopold serving as Interim Director with future discussion to be held on salary, benefits, etc.

VOTE YEA: Cataldo, Levis, Smith, Johnson

#13 – Gay Lea Wilson Trail, Erosion Control Work Along Four Mile Creek

MOTION: Moved by Smith that the Board direct staff to negotiate installation of erosion control with Elder Construction, with consideration of placement of concrete in place of rip rap if cost effective, under the three bridges along the new section of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail and that the Interim Director be authorized to sign the change order approving the work at a cost not to exceed \$101,800. Funding to come from PCWLL funds.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Johnson, Cataldo, Levis

Discussion & Remarks

Interim Director Leopold reported on the following:

- 2015 bond projects
- location of October PCCB meeting
- IACCB Fall Conference
- Commemorative Policy developed by staff
- GOF Event, Friday, Sept 19

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Prepared by: Cindy Lentz

Approved: