

**POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2015**

Board Members Present: Connie Johnson, Lance Northway, Mike Smith, Tom Levis, Jim Cataldo

Staff Members Present: Richard Leopold, Doug Romig, Clarke Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Kami Rankin,
Patti Petersen-Keys, Lori Foresman-Kirpes, Cindy Lentz, Roger Kuhle

Guests: Mark Stevens

Item I: Jester Park Conservation Center

Director Leopold reviewed the Jester Park Conservation Center Scenario Planning and Considerations and the potential building cost reductions. Considerable work was done on exploring specific methods to reduce the overall project costs for the Jester Park Conservation Center. Involved were Mark Stevens, contract project manager, RDG staff, Wayne Johnson, and himself. To attain the desired \$2M in overall reductions to project costs, in order to meet the \$10M total project cost scenario, the initial "aim" was a \$2.5M reduction. This is because it was thought that during the review and redesign, a few minor items would likely be added in. A contract with RDG for re-design and re-engineering of current plans would also be needed. The \$8M scenarios would involve a nearly complete redesign, so "cost item" for this scenario was not needed; and the \$6M and the \$12M scenarios are not desirable.

Following discussions, Director Leopold will bring to the Board's July meeting a recommendation for formal approval based on the \$10M scenario. The Board asked for more concrete numbers on what can be cut from the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m
Minutes prepared by Cindy Lentz

Approved: 07/08/2015