

Polk County Conservation Board
Jester Park
Jester Lodge
11407 NW Jester Park Drive
Granger, Iowa

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#1a – Roll Call

Board Present: Levis, Smith, Cataldo
Board Absent: Kurovski,

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

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. VOTE YEA: SMITH, LEVIS, CATALDO

#2 – Consent Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY CATALDO THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
A) PCCB DECEMBER 2012 LIST OF EXPENDITURES;
B) ADOPTING POLK COUNTY'S TUITION POLICY AND COMPUTER USAGE POLICY AS MODIFIED AND MAKING THE MODIFIED POLICIES A PART OF THE PCCB'S EMPLOYEE MANUAL;
C) DIRECTING STAFF TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE 331.305, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT THE PCCB'S MEETING FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONVEYING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES ON THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL ON ARMY POST ROAD.
VOTE YEA: CATALDO, SMITH, LEVIS

#3 – PCCB Bylaws

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PCCB BYLAWS AS AMENDED. VOTE YEA: LEVIS, CATALDO, SMITH

#4 – PCCB Purchasing Policy

Board Members were provided with a copy of the PCCB Purchasing Policy with proposed modifications identified. Approval of the modified Policy will be brought to the Board for consideration at their February monthly meeting.

#5 – Public Hearing

Chair Smith opened the public hearing.

Director Parker gave opening presentation on the 3-year implementation plan.

Tom Ballard, 11689 NW Beaver Drive, Granger, appeared before the Board to express need for life cycle cost analysis for projects identified on 3-year implementation plan.

The following appeared before the Board in opposition of projects related to Jester Park identified on the Three-Year Polk County Water and Land Legacy project implementation plan:

Deb Ferjak, 12057 NW 131 Court, Madrid
Steve Allison 12163 NW 128th, Madrid
Kristen Boyles, 11514 NW 114th Ave, Granger
Linda Appelgate, 2835 46th, Des Moines
Tracy Mack-Boyles, 12061 NW 128th St., Madrid
Jane Baker, 12065 NW 131st Court, Madrid
Dale Ward, 1263 NW 131 Court, Madrid
Lettie Bushnell, 12851 NW 120th Ave., Madrid
Julianna Renard, 12668 NW 128th St., Madrid
Pat Kamp, 12085 NW 128th, Madrid
Gary Peggs, 12189 NW 128th, Madrid

Bob Start, 11360 NW 103rd Court, Granger, appeared before the Board to express agreement on the need for life cycle cost analysis and to request that the lighting at the Equestrian Center be further reviewed before doing improvements, possibly not have the lights on all night.

Penny Thomsen, 131 Birch Blvd., Pleasant Hill, appeared before the Board to request that Yellow Banks dam project not be provisional and requested additional projects for the Yellow Banks Park area in the earlier years of the planning process be considered.

Rick Hale, 12668 NW 128th St., Madrid appeared before the Board to express his disappointment that some Board Members not looking at people as they are speaking.

Sue Tew, 1118 Broad St., Des Moines, appeared before the Board to express that PCCB staff do care about the park and have hard decisions to make but will try to make best choices to reach kids.

Chair Smith closed the public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY LEVIS THAT THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED THREE YEAR POLK COUNTY WATER AND LAND LEGACY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO BE USED AS A GUIDE IN DEVELOPING BUDGETS, PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND AS A COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR THE PUBLIC WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PLAN CAN BE UPDATED IN THE FUTURE AS WARRANTED.

VOTE YEA: LEVIS, SMITH, CATALDO

#6 – Jester Park Master Plan Overview – Public Meeting

The public meeting portion of the meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Boddy, RDG Planning & Design, explained the open house format to be used for the public meeting to take questions and get questions answered and to gather comments.

Mike Bell, RDG Planning & Design, did a brief review of the Jester Park Master Plan before moving into the open house segment.

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ADJOURNNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Approved: 2/13/13