

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

January 14, 2020

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law at the Classroom, Willow Creek County Park, 5945 Highway 9, Ocheyedan, IA 51354, with the following members present: John Corbett, Ann Byers, John Schmidt, Zach Marco, and Jason Otto.

Absent: None

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 6:31 P.M. by John Corbett, Chairperson.

A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to approve the agenda. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason Otto, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Schmidt, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by Ann Byers, to nominate Jason Otto as Chairperson and John Schmidt as Vice-Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2020. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by Zach Marco, that nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board cease. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

All voted in favor of Jason Otto as Chairperson and John Schmidt as Vice-Chairperson of the Osceola County Conservation Board for 2020.

Discussion was held on the Loof Property Conservation Farm. Topics included Farm management, a lease or other agreement with the Osceola SWCD, and possible funding opportunities for establishment.

That Troutfest event scheduled for February 22nd at Willow Creek was discussed.

The Ashton Wayside Park Fish Habitat Grant Project was discussed.

The Board completed the annual review of the By-Laws of the Osceola County Conservation Board.

The Board reviewed the administrative policies.

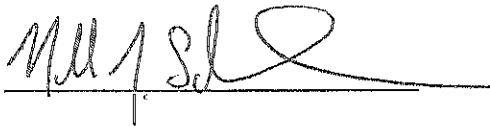
The Board reviewed the FY 2020-2021 budget. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by John Schmidt to approve the FY 2020/2021 budget. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Discussion was held on the plans for Gravel Extraction at Leinen's Pit.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the monthly schedule.

Under General Board Business, a new floor for Willow Creek Nature Center was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M. by Chairperson Jason Otto.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director



Jason Otto, Chairperson