

## OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

April 14, 2020

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, with the following members present: John Corbett, Jason Otto, Ann Byers, John Schmidt, and Zach Marco.

Absent: None

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Jason Otto, Chairperson.

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

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by John Corbett, to approve the minutes of the special joint meeting with the Osceola County Soil and Water Conservation District. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Ann Byers, to approve the minutes of the regular March meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Ann Byers, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Discussion was held on current practices regarding the COVID-19 situation.

A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Ann Byers, to accept the quote of Chuck Benz of \$3,855.00 to install a dump station and hydrant at the Hawkeye Point Campground due to his including hauling away the excess dirt. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Bids for the Ashton Wayside Park Shoreline Armoring Project were opened and reviewed. Bids received were MEGA INC, \$12,233.44; Jeppesen Gravel, \$14,200; Chuck Benz, \$17,100; Clauson Excavating, \$17,790.00; and Roger Ackerman, \$29,250. A motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by John Corbett, to accept the bid of MEGA, Inc of

\$12,233.44. All voted "AYE," motion carried. Zach Marco abstained from the discussion and voting.

A motion was made by Ann Byers, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the grant agreement with the Iowa DNR for the Ashton Wayside Park Shoreline Armoring Project. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Applications for the Loof Memorial Conservation Scholarship were reviewed. A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by John Schmidt, to award the Loof Memorial Scholarship to Ashilyn Hulstein. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the monthly schedule.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Schmidt, seconded by Zach Marco, to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director



Jason Otto, Chairperson