

PROCEEDINGS: IDA COUNTY CONSERVATION • DEC. 12 MINUTES

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CONSERVATION BOARD:
MEETING MINUTES
299 JASPER AVE.
IDA GROVE, IA, 51445
MONDAY, DEC. 12, 2022 • 6 p.m.
CONSERVATION CENTER
MOOREHEAD PARK

Board Members Present: Synda Jepsen, chair; Dennis Leonard, Sue Knop, and Don Poggensee. Others Present: Zach Hall - ICCB Director

The Dec. 12, ICCB business meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Synda Jepsen.

Primary Agenda Topics:

•CCB agenda: A motion to approve the Dec. 12 agenda was made by Don and seconded by Dennis, all were in favor.

•Minutes: A motion to approve the Nov. 8 minutes was made by Sue, seconded by Don, and all were in favor.

•Monthly Bills: Plunket's Pest service, feed line items, and newspaper ads. A motion to approve the bills was made by Sue, seconded by Dennis, and all were in favor.

•Budget: Hall reported the YTD expenditures, revenue, UBI bank balance, and monthly budget predictions. Expenditure reports for Dec. 2022 were under budget predictions.

•Public Input: None.

Secondary agenda topics:

ICCB update, PWS Update, ICCB & ICCF, Grants, FY2023 budget, ISG, and FY2024 budget planning, and open discussion.

•ICCB's update: ICCB staff has been busy managing events, park resources, and infrastructure.

•PWS Update: Moorehead Park's main well pump and plumbing has been replaced with improvements. DNR Environmental dept. was informed of necessary actions pertaining to ICCB's PWS operation permit.

•ICCB and ICCF: ICCB will be allocating financial support in FY2024 to support the ICCF handicapped fishing pier improvement project at Crawford Creek Recreation Area.

•Grants: ICCB was awarded \$2,000 from a Whitetails Unlimited grant to help support the Rich Smith Wildlife Habitat Area project. ICCB will need to request a project extension for their betterment grant project.

•FY2023 Budget: Discussion occurred about future equipment purchases to benefit operations. With the recent well pump failure, ICCB is unsure if they will buy a mower this year to stay within budgets.

•ISG: This planning firm is being

considered as a project partner to help digitally map ICCB's infrastructure. Digital mapping provides modern resources to help management prepare for infrastructure updates in the future. No action was taken on the topic.

•FY2024 budget items: Compensation Board recommendations were discussed and referenced to compare ICCB staff salaries. Financial increases were discussed at this meeting, but no final vote took place. ICCB is interested in keeping up with inflation as best they can, while supporting primary expenditures like electricity and fuel charges. Projects that are being discussed for next fiscal year include the Crawford Creek shower houses, Conservation Center retaining wall, Crawford Creek lake dredging, and WiFi. No action was taken on this agenda item.

•Open Discussion: Schau's Recycling donation for Moorehead bridge replacement, Insurance refunds, ICCF partnered projects, and speeding in the parks.

After discussion, the ICCB meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next ICCB public meeting is **Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 6 p.m.** at Moorehead Park's Conservation Center.