

PROCEEDINGS

**Ida County Conservation Board:
Meeting Minutes
299 Jasper Ave.
Ida Grove, IA, 51445
Monday, July 11, 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 July 11 ICCB business meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Synda Jepsen.

Primary Agenda Topics:

ICCB agenda: A motion to amend and then approve the July 13 agenda was made by Sue and seconded by Dennis, all were in favor. ICCB chose to enter closed session for staffing discussions.

Minutes: A motion to approve the June 13 minutes was made by Synda, seconded by Sue, and all were in favor.

Monthly Bills: Billing topics included AIS chemical, electricity, and educational programming. A motion to approve the bills was made by Dennis, seconded by Don, and all were in favor.

Budget: The new fiscal year began July 1. Hall reported that FY22 tax revenue was down by 4% compared to predictions. However, the Resource Enhancement and Protection and the Conservation Purposes revenue lines performed

better than predicted. FY23 revenue lines are budgeted to be like the previous year. Expenditure reports for July 2022 are in line with the monthly budget.

Public Input: MH park's road received one public comment.

Secondary agenda topics: ICCB update, annual meeting dates, election of officers, grants, OS, CE Tech, Director, REAP and land acquisition, MH Road, RAGBRAI, FY2023 budget, and open discussion.

ICCB's update: Staff have been very busy with park and facility operations, educational resource development, grant preparation, and administrative duties.

Annual meeting dates: ICCB set this year's meeting dates to correspond with the Ida County Board of Supervisors. Most of the meetings will be the Monday prior to the BOS monthly meetings.

Election of Officers: ICCB voted to maintain its current officer positions: Synda Jepsen as the chair and Randy Vogt as the vice-chair.

Grants: Director Hall reported on a yearly timeline of grants that the ICCB should consider for projects that would benefit the department. The Water Recreation Access Grant will be considered this fall and the Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant will be considered within two years.

Operation Supervisor, C.E. Tech, Director topics: ICCB voted to enter a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i).

REAP and Land Acquisition: The ICCB voted to dedicate \$10,000 toward the Rich Smith Wildlife Habitat Area project. Pending on the county auditor's budget amendments, ICCB plans to dedicate the funds within fiscal year 2023, which means before June 30 of 2023.

MH Road: Timelines for improving the road are being developed by county staff.

RAGBRAI: Moorehead Park's north playground area will be close to the public during RAGBRAI for reserved primitive campers. Areas of the park will be restricted to public use for safety and management during the event. The Conservation Center will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 24.

FY2023 Budget: ICCB reviewed the yearly monthly budget predictions for expenditures.

Open Discussion: Swans and ICCF fundraisers.

After discussion, the ICCB meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next ICCB public meeting is Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Crawford Creek's Lodge shelter house.

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