

Ida County Conservation Board

299 Jasper Ave., Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Monday, June 19th, 2023

4:00pm, Conservation Center, Moorehead Park

Board Members Present: Synda Jepsen, chair; Sue Knop, Dennis Leonard, and Don Poggensee.

Others Present: Zach Hall, Director

The June 19th, ICCB business meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by Synda Jepsen.

Special Meeting Topics:

- **ICCB agenda:** A motion to amend the agenda was made by Don to include a vote on the Moorehead Park utility project, seconded by Sue, and all were in favor of the agenda amendment.
- **Moorehead Park Utility Project Overview:**
 - ICCB reviewed the current utility installation plan. MidAmerican Energy was on track to replace the electrical lines powering Moorehead Park, which need replacing. Their plan included installing overhead power lines along Jasper Ave. north of Hwy 175. The new lines are built in the park to replace the old lines that cross the Maple River.
 - The IA DNR recently provided information to the ICCB director that in 1968 Moorehead Park received a federal grant award through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is administered by the National Park Service. Due to the LWCF federal grant, Moorehead Park is considered a federally funded park. The federal funding designation restricts overhead lines from being built and requires power lines to be trenched. This is consistent with all other federally funded parks, but it will delay Moorehead Park's electrical upgrades. The IA DNR must further review the official determination of the utility upgrade before MidAmerican Energy can install power lines.
 - Proposed Action – Vote
 - Don made the motion to follow the DNR and NPS federal regulations on installing utilities in the park, Dennis seconded, all were in favor.

Other:

Next meeting— 6:00pm, Monday, July 10th, 2023.

Moorehead Park, Conservation Center