

Ida County Conservation Board: Meeting Minutes

299 Jasper Ave., Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Monday, May 8th, 2023

6:00pm, Conservation Center, Moorehead Park

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

Others Present: Zach Hall, Director; and Dan Hedberg, Op. Supervisor

The May 8th, ICCB business meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Synda Jepsen.

Primary Agenda Topics:

- **ICCB agenda:** A motion to pass the agenda was made by Don and seconded by Dennis, all were in favor.
- **Minutes:** A motion to approve the April 12th minutes was made by Sue, seconded by Dennis, and all were in favor.
- **Monthly Bills:** Crawford Creek campground water pump, storm shelter sidewalk, equipment, and gravel. A motion to approve the bills was made by Don, seconded by Randy, and all were in favor.
- **Budget:** Hall reported the YTD expenditures, revenue, UBI bank balance, and monthly standings. The budget is on track with predictions.
- **Public Input:** Upcoming events and park policies.

Secondary agenda topics: FY24 Items, ICCB update, Campgrounds, Rx Fire, PWS Operations, ICCB and partners, CCRA Boat ramp, Grants, and open discussion.

FY24 Items: Hedberg led a quality discussion reviewing mower quotes and planning future purchases.

ICCB's update: Staff have been busy with grant projects, operations, training, and educational programs.

Campgrounds: the first couple weeks of camping was slow, aligning with colder spring weather.

Developing a few reservable camp sites is still being investigated by ICCB staff.

Rx Fire: Staff participated in the Little Sioux Cooperative burn week for training. ICCB properties are planned to be burned this month.

PWS Operations: Crawford Creek's Public Water Supply Start-Up Procedures were successfully completed and Moorehead Parks quarterly sample came back with good results.

ICCB and partners: Local non-profit conservation organizations notified ICCB of successful partnered project awards. Crooked Spurs assisted the Rich Smith Wildlife Habitat Area Project with over \$25,000 of committed funding over the past year. The Ida County Conservation Foundation is partnering with ICCB to rebuild the access to Crawford Creek's handicapped accessible fishing pier over the next year.

CCRA Boat ramp: Crawford Creek's Boat ramp dredging and shoreline armoring is completed. Thanks to Dan Hedberg, Ida County Secondary Roads, Ida County Conservation Foundation for supporting the project.

Grants: Hall is finishing up the Wildlife Habitat Stamp grant application and grant completion reports. Other grant projects were discussed but an official vote did not take place.

Open Discussion: ICCB discussed utilizing their 5-year Capital Improvements Plan in FY24 instead of developing an annual plan.

After discussion, the ICCB meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next ICCB public meeting is **Monday, June 12th, 2023**, at 6:00pm at Moorehead Park's Conservation Center.