

Board Present: Huseman, Martin, Morrow, Rierson, Sackett, Steffes, Interim Director Reed

Board Absent: Harrington, Maas, Richter, Taylor

1. Quorum determined to be present.

2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes, Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Martin moved to approve amended consent agenda to include a search committee for Executive Director position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rierson. Carried

3. Introduction of visitors: B. Cuperus (Dickinson County Conservation Board) P. Jordan (Board of Supervisors) – informed board that T. Fairchild is a new commissioner.

4. Bills & Claims 11-10-16: US Bank-trails credit card \$20 (constant contact 10/11/16): Alliant Energy \$67.99 (Tunnel lights 10/6-11/2): M. Carlson \$45 (Secretarial): Atlas Stamps, Signs and Engraving \$24.50 (Name badges): Snyder and Associates \$5,289.17 (Railroad \*{will be partially or fully reimbursed from federal grant dollars}): Fairchild Mfg. Inc. \$12,819.67 (Bicycle Art for Wahpeton Recognition Area): Sioux Commercial Sweeping, Inc. \$8,500 (Crack sealing for Spine Trail): Dickinson County Conservation Board \$35,000 (Annual trails maintenance): Jacobson Westergard \$2,080.60 (August 2015 engineering 175-180<sup>th</sup> construction staking, observation, preparation of payment estimate and observation E12133 {9/3/15 invoice 9479}): Jacobson-Westergard \$496.50 (September 2015 engineering 175-180<sup>th</sup> preparation of payment estimate, site visit and project administration E12133 {10/1/15 invoice 9493}): Jacobson-Westergard \$1,473.40 (Engineering – Spine trail maintenance E16004): Jacobson-Westergard \$543 (Engineering-Bay Harbor Trail south tunnel and Ivan Simpson Dwys. E 06290): Jacobson-Westergard \$629.60 (Engineering-Garlock Slough Trail crack sealing E07124): Jacobson-Westergard \$460.20 (Engineering-south of Presbyterian Camp crack sealing E14100).

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Ongoing projects:

- i. Edgewood Drive Trail – Motion by Steffes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin to approve preliminary plans for the Edgewood Drive Trail as presented by Brad Beck and to support this endeavor. Reed will provide the signature for the sovereign lands grant and application to the Corps of Engineers, contingent on City of Wahpeton’s approval. Carried.
- ii. Railroad – waiting for DOT environmental review to be completed.
- iii. Motion by Rierson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffes to approve applying for a Federal Recreational Trail Grant for Jones Pasture using a 30% match. Carried.
- iv. Bridge Over the Narrows – Reed and Taylor looked at possible locations for bridge; need feedback from the DNR.

b. Okoboji Commons Hotel – tabled while waiting for more information.

c. Tall Grass Apartments – additional trees have been removed and trails signs have been lowered.

There will be stop bars at the stop signs as well as speed bumps at both the entrance and exit. There is a plan to install a rest stop near the trail at the first entrance that will include a picnic bench, drinking fountain with LED lighting and a cell phone charging station. They are looking for our input.

d. Signing near Pelican Shores/Spudnuts – City of Okoboji painted No Parking on the trail and additional bike symbols.

e. Wahpeton Recognition Area update.

f. Tom Kuhlman – information regarding driveway on Pioneer Beach Trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Motion by Rierson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffes to approve the new Scheppmann easement to reflect the correct legal description and abandon the previous easement. Carried.

b. J-W bills – discussed options for payment, no action taken.

c. Discussion regarding Arnolds Park 190<sup>th</sup> Street Trail.

d. Maintenance report – panels have been repaired at Isthmus Park and Simpson driveways. Spine Trail, Garlock Slough and Presbyterian camp crack sealing also completed. GSB surface treatment on Spine Trail will be in the spring.

e. Discussed the importance of meeting attendance.

f. Motion by Steffes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rierson to open applications for the Executive Director position. Carried.

g. The annual planning meeting will be in December at the Nature Center. There will be a short regular board meeting and the election of board officers.

Motion by Rierson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffes to adjourn. Carried.