Dickinson County Trails Board
February 14, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Johnson, Kass, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby. Rierson, Taylor, ED Reed
Board Absent: Maas
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Dykema to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims 2-14-25: Alliant Energy $127.11, Beck Engineering $13,456.00, Business Today $103.00, Custom Creations $174.00, Dickinson County News $73.42, Dickinson County $39.68, Goosmann Law Firm $1,127.50, Marco $38.56, M. Carlson $45.00, Pearson Lakes Art Center $2,422.50, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $323.00, Vander Windt & Sons $50,112.50.
3. Visitors: B. Cuperus, B. Groen, B. Sackett, C. Pavelko, D. Clark, J. Leahy, K. Gaylor, M. Frank, N. Blocha
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Levi Markwardt
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – No update.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Beck Engineering will schedule a preconstruction meeting with DOT.
Phase II – DOT is reviewing revisions.
Phase III – No update.
Clay County Connection Phase I-III –Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Kass to approve applying to the 2025 CAT grant program for Clay County Connection Phases I & II. Carried.
c. PLAC Loop Trail –Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Dykema to set the bid letting date for the 2024 Pearson Lakes Art Center Trail Connection Project on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 10:00am and to set a public hearing date to review and act upon bids on Friday March 14, 2025 at 7:10am. Carried.
d. West Okoboji Trail – Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Kass to set the bid letting date for the West Okoboji Trail Project on Monday, March 10. 2025 at 10:00am and to set a public hearing date to review and act upon bids on Friday March 14, 2025 at 7:15. Carried.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Rierson to approve Vander Windt & Sons pay application #2 in the amount of $50,112.50. Carried.
f. 13th Street Trailhead-Milford – Review and discussion of preliminary trailhead layouts; we will continue to coordinate plans with the city and donor.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – Review of options for trail barrier along the CFE property and Peterson Trail estimate. Beck Engineering has provided a preliminary plan for Spine Trail crack sealing.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – Work is complete; will monitor grass establishment in the spring.
7. 2024-2025 Development Plan:
Submitted Grant Applications: Destination IA – [Clay County Connection I – III] Not invited to full app.
Upcoming Grants: Region 3 TAP Grant - February 21, 2025 [Silver Lake Loop II] $400,000.
Okoboji Foundation – March 1, 2025 [Clay County Connection I & II] $200,000.
CAT Grant - March 7, 2025 [Clay County Connection I & II] $500,000.
8. ITC Easements – Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Harrington to recommend approval of ITC easements as presented. Carried
9. Superior Rail Cars – K. Gaylor presented a proposal for managing the removal of rail cars and track.
10. Board & Executive Director Items
a. 2024 Annual Report – Review of report and city council meeting schedule.
b. Friends Committee – Next meeting is Wednesday, February 19 @ 5:00pm.
c. Iowa Bike Expo – Recap of Bike Expo.
d. RAGBRAI – Discussion regarding involvement with RAGBRAI.
e. Executive Director Evaluation.
Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Harrington, Carried.
Next meeting – March 14, 2025