Dickinson County Trails Board
March 14, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Johnson, Kass, Mugge, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, ED Reed
Board Absent: Maas, Niemeier,
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Kass to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims 3-14-25: Alliant Energy $111.73, Beck Engineering $11,186.25, Beck Excavating $2,910.00, Business Today $20.00, Dickinson County News $123.01, Dickinson County $20.60, E. Reed $98.00, IGL Sanitary District $51.70, Kruse, Cate & Nelson, PC $15,527.00, Marco $38.56, M. Carlson $45.00, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler $289.75, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $23.00, Vander Windt & Sons $14,962.50.
3. Visitors: B. Cuperus, B. Groen, B. Sackett, B. Schmidt, C. Pavelko, D. Clark, K. Gaylor
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: L. Markwardt
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – No update.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – A preconstruction meeting was held on 3/12; Beck Excavating plans to start around May 12. Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Johnson to approve Beck Excavation pay application #1 in the amount of $2,910.00. Carried.
Phase II – DOT is requesting we extend the headwall of a culvert to meet the slopes they require. RISE Engineering will do the requested design.
Phase III – No update.
Clay County Connection Phase I-II - CAT grant requesting $500,000 for Phase 1 & II has been submitted.
c. 7:10:00 a.m. – Public Hearing: 2025 PLAC Trail Connection Project: Letting was held on 3/10/25; President Norby opened the public hearing on the PLAC Trail Connection Project. Reed explained that bids came in high primarily due to the electrical components and decorative rock. Discussion was held about options and potential for lowering project costs. It was decided to table the project award to get input from PLAC. With no further comment from the board or audience, Norby closed the public hearing.
d. 7:15 a.m. – Public Hearing: 2025 West Okoboji Trail: Letting was held on 3/10/25; President Norby opened the public hearing on the West Okoboji Trail project. Reed informed the board that KCN recommended, and the West Okoboji council voted to recommend awarding the project to Beck Excavating with the 6" PCC Trail alternate bid. With no further comment from the board or audience, Norby closed the public hearing. Motion by Kass and 2nd by Taylor to award the 2025 West Okoboji Trail Connection with 6" PCC Trail option to Beck Excavating. Carried.
Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Johnson to approve the construction engineering services proposal from Kruse, Cate & Nelson, P. C. for the 2025 West Okoboji Trail Connection. Carried.
Hwy 86 Alternate Route: D. Clark was present to request that the DCTB take over management of the trail he is proposing along Hwy. 86 if it gets developed; the board declined to make a motion for the proposal.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Rierson to approve Vander Windt & Sons pay application #3 in the amount of $14,692.50. Carried.
f. 13th Street Trailhead-Milford – No update
g. Wahpeton Trailhead – Beck Engineering will put together a plan and request quotes for the installation of a water fountain and bike workstation.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – No updates; waiting to hear back on some cost estimates.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – Work is complete; will monitor grass establishment in the spring.
7. 2025 Development Plan:
Submitted 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.

Upcoming Grants: State Rec Trails – July 1, 2025 [Clay County Connection III or Tatanka Ska Phase V(a)]
IA DNR REAP – August 15, 2025 [Clay County Connection III]

8. Superior Rail Cars: K. Gaylor and K. Rolling continue to explore removal and reuse of rail cars.

9. Board & Executive Director Items:

a. Easement Requests – Review of recent requests. Information only/no action.

b. 2024 Annual Report – City council meetings are complete.

c. Friends Committee – Next meeting is Wednesday, March 26 @ 5:00pm.

d. RAGBRAI – The route will not be going through Spirit Lake.

Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Kass to adjourn, Carried.

Next meeting – April 11, 2025