Dickinson County Trails Board
April 11, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Johnson, Kass, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Taylor, ED Reed
Board Absent: Maas, Rierson
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Dykema to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims 4-11-25: Alliant Energy $105.58, Beck Engineering $15,547.00, Boji Portable Toilets, Inc. $175.00, Dickinson County Conservation $40,000.00, Dickinson County News $63.76, Dickinson County $32.91, E. Reed $185.50, Goosman Law Firm $165.00, IGL Chamber $295, Marco $38.56, M. Carlson $45.00, Plantin' Posies $695.00, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $45.17, Vander Windt & Sons $14,962.50.
3. Visitors: B. Cuperus, B. Groen, B. Sackett, C. Pavelko, D. Clark, Ku. Gaylor, Ke. Gaylor
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 Excavating has a start date of May 12 with completion date of August 23.
Phase II – Beck is submitting plan from RISE for modifying the box culvert for DOT approval.
Phase III – No update.
Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail – The 5-county group met on March 18, 2025. DCTB members include Reed, Dykema, Harrington and Taylor.
c. PLAC Loop Trail - Project awarded to Beck Excavating, completion date is June 27.
d. West Okoboji Trail – Project awarded to Beck Excavating, completion date is September 20.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V: Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Niemeier to approve Vander Windt & Sons pay application #4 in the amount of $14,962.50 Carried.
f. 13th Street Trailhead-Milford – Review of updated project layout.
g. Wahpeton Trailhead – Review project layout.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – Beck is waiting for recommendations and pricing from A & P Concrete Leveling; sent out for quotes on hedge row along trail in Lake Park.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – Work is complete; monitoring for grass establishment.
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: Kurt Gaylor gave an update on planning for rail car removal.
9. Utility Easements: Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Johnson to recommend approval of Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District easements as presented. Carried. Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Herman to recommend approval of Iowa Lakes Regional Water easement as presented. Carried.
10. Resolution for Interfund Loan Transfer: Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Niemeier to approve Resolution 2025-1 to authorize an interfund loan transfer from the development fund to the maintenance fund not to exceed $40,000.00 until FEMA funds are reimbursed and deposited back into the development fund. Carried.
11. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. Friends Committee – Next meeting April 16 @ 5:00p.m.
b. March Trail Counts – Update on March trail counts.
c. Upcoming Events – Celebrate Trails Day Saturday, April 26, Never Alone Veran Awareness Walk Saturday May 3, Okoboji Foundation Event Thursday, May 22.
d. RAGRAI – The route will be going up Hwy. 86 into Minnesota. Wahpeton will be a stop along the route.
12. Motion to adjourn by Johnson and 2nd by Taylor. Carried.
Next meeting – May 9, 2025