Dickinson County Trails Board
May 9, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Johnson, Kass, Maas, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, ED Reed
Board Absent: none
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Maas and 2nd by Taylor to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims 9-25-25: Alliant Energy $136.81, Beck Engineering $10,932.25, Beck Excavating $57,144.40, DeRuyter Cleaning $700.00, Dickinson County News $174.52, Dickinson County $23.75, Eco Counter $127.00, E. Reed $121.10, Iowa Prison Industries $279.18, KUOO $157.50, Marco $43.85, M. Carlson $45.00, RISE Structural Associates, $600.00, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $23.00
Visitors: B. Groen, B. Sackett, D. Clark, G. Baloun, K. Rolling, Ke. Gaylor, L. Pedersen, S. Goodlow
D. Clark spoke to his alternate trail proposal.
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Levi Markwardt
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – Jurgens is lining up reseeding on the project.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Projected completion date of August 23.
Phase II – Beck submitted the plan from RISE for modifying box culvert. We are working with Magellan to route the trail around their tank farm.
Phase III – No update.
2025 CAT Grant for Phases I & II was awarded $500,000.
c. PLAC Loop Trail – Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Maas to approve Beck Excavation Inc. pay application #1 in the amount of $57,144,40. Carried.
Motion by Rierson and 2nd by Kass to approve the Certified Testing Services, Inc. proposal for construction materials testing for the 2025 PLAC Loop Trail. Carried.
d. West Okoboji Trail – A preconstruction meeting will be held May 13; completion date is September 20, 2025.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V - Vander Wendt has approximately 95% of the tree clearing completed.
f. 13th Street Trailhead-Milford – The updated project layout is under review.
g. Wahpeton Trailhead – No quotes were received for the project; we will send out another request with an extended timeline for completion.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Mugge to approve awarding the 2025 DCTB Trail Maintenance Project to Beck Excavating Inc. Carried.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – Work is complete; monitoring for grass establishment.
c. Trail Counters – Eco Counter no longer provides battery replacements for their Pyro Box; we will purchase a new Evo Counter for the Lower Gar Bridge.
d. Trestle Bridge –The DNR has started replacing the bridge railing. The bridge is closed with a detour around the west side of the Hwy. 71 causeway.
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] Awarded $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: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Mugge to approve the Agent of Record agreement with Many Services LLC. Carried
9. Trail Promotions:
a. Trail Photos – Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Herman to approve the Rylan Howe Photography proposal for trail, board and fundraiser photos up to $2,000. Carried.
Internet Ads – The board will focus more on advertising the 2025 fundraiser.

Board & Executive Director Items:
IGLSD Project – Pipe fusing has started again; the Okoboji Slough Bypass is closed and a detour is in place.
Bike Rack – Niemeier will coordinate with Lake Park on taking the available bike rack.
Friends Committee – Next meeting May 21, 2025 @ 5:00p.m.
April Trail Counts – Update on April trail counts – 23,207.
Upcoming Events – Okoboji Fdn. Event 5/22/25, Spirit Lake BRAWL 5/23/25, U of O Campus Ride 6/28/25.
11. Adjourn – Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Rierson to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting June 13, 2025