Dickinson County Trails Board
September 12, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Herman, Kass, Maas, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Taylor, Markwardt, Reed
Board Absent: Harrington, Johnson, Rierson
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Maas and 2nd by Mugge to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims 6: Alliant Energy $154.76, Amanda Hansen $500.00, Beck Engineering $27,363.75, Beck Excavating $313,098.84, Bohlmann, Inc. $5,407.66, Boji Portable Toilets $140.00, Certified Testing Services $504.00, Cory Juergens Construction $7,194.69, DeRuyter Cleaning $1,100.00, DC Conservation Board $500.00, Dickinson County News $76.44, Dickinson County $2.64, Dickinson County $371.00, Erin Reed $77.70, Goosmann Law Firm $440.00, IGL Sanitary District $42.04, Lakes News Shopper $339.80, Marco $49.18, Plantin' Posies $3,075.00, Spirit Lake City of $366.34, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $111.47
Visitors: B. Groen, B. Sackett, Ke. Gaylor
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Levi Markwardt; no report.
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Niemeier to approve pay application #10 to Cory Juergens Construction, LLC in the amount of $7,194.69. Carried.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – All Paving is complete. Beck Excavating to move forward with final grading of ditches and backfilling the trail to prepare for seeding. Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Maas to approve Beck Excavating, Inc. pay application #4 in the amount of $283,290.54 and change order #1 resulting in a contract cost increase of $15,575 for the extension of a 54" culvert. Carried.
Phase II – Beck Engineering is coordinating with DOT District 3 on the alignment change around Magellan.
Phase III – Current for bid letting date is 5/19/2026. Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Niemeier to apply to the 2025 Federal Recreational Trails grant program for Clay County Connection Phase III. Carried
c. PLAC Loop Trail – Beck Excavating will reseed some areas of project when they seed Clay County Phase I.
d. West Okoboji Trail – Project is substantially complete. Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Taylor to approve Beck Excavating, Inc. pay application #3 in the amount of $29,808.30. Carried.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V – Waiting for few areas to fill with grass, otherwise project is complete.
f. Milford 13th Street Trailhead – Beck Engineering is making final updates to plans.
g. Wahpeton Trailhead – Plans are complete; project to be combined with the Milford Trailhead.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – 2025 HMA Crack Sealing was started this week by Beck Excavating. Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Maas to approve additional crack sealing of Spine Trail and Nature Center Trail. Carried.
West Okoboji/North Bay Trails – Project will be added to Milford and Wahpeton Trailhead projects.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – All projects have been obligated through FEMA; will close out projects soon.
c. Tatanka Ska Trailhead – DeRuyter Cleaning to paint bathroom floors at a cost of $455.50.
d. Spine Trail Drainage: Update provided on tile exploration and review of estimated costs to manage drainage west of railroad grade/Spine Trail near Jackson Ave. in Spirit Lake.
7. 2025 Development Plan:
Submitted Grant: State Rec Trails – July 1, 2025 submitted for $295,000 (Clay Count Connection III).
Upcoming Grants: Federal Rec Trails – October 1, 2025 (Clay County Connection III).
8. Superior Rail Cars: All cars, including caboose, were moved 2 miles east of our property. RERA Canada has secured a lease to store the cars with New Cooperative. Many Services is working on rail/tie removal.
9. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. Iowa Trails/Bike Summits – October 9-10 in Cedar Falls. Motion made by Kass and 2nd by Niemeier to move the October meeting to October 17, 2025. Carried. Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Taylor to approve Trail sponsorship of $200. Carried. Taylor and Mugge are interested in attending.
b. Iowa Bike Expo – January 24, 2026; booth cost is $300-$400. No action.
c. August Trail Counts – 79,530
d. Upcoming events – Oktoberfest Ride 9/27/25.
10. Adjourn – Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Maas to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting October 17, 2025