Dickinson County Trails Board
October 17, 2025

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Johnson, Maas, Mugge, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, Markwardt, Reed
Board Absent: Herman, Kass, Niemeier
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: Alliant Energy $152.64, Beck Engineering $30,030.25, Beck Excavating $254,528.18, Bohlmann, Inc. $7,247.66, Boji Portable Toilets $280.00, Brayden Yungbluth $297.10, Certified Testing Services $4,087.00, DeRuyter Cleaning $1,599.60, Dickinson County News $76.44, Dickinson County $104.01, Erin Reed $86.80, Marco $133.75, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler $5,562.76, Plantin' Posies $530.00, Sandra Miller $45.00, Spirit Lake City of $377.78, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $906.36
Visitors: B. Groen, B. Sackett, C. Pavelko
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Levi Markwardt reported that trails looked good after recent maintenance.
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – Working on final items to close out project.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Substantially complete. Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Taylor to approve Beck Excavating Inc. pay application #5 in the amount of $166,970.07. Carried.
Phase II – Beck Engineering continues to coordinate with Magellan on route around tank farm.
Phase III – State Rec Trails grant was recommended for award of $295,000.
c. PLAC Loop Trail – Beck Excavating reseeded the project. Motion by Rierson and 2nd by Johnson to approve Beck Excavating, Inc. pay application #5 in the amount of $4,436.50. Carried.
d. West Okoboji Trail – Project is complete. Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Maas to approve the Certificate of Completion from Kruse, Cate and Nelson and Beck Excavating pay application #4 in the amount of $880.41. Carried.
e. Tatanka Ska Phase V – Monitoring for grass establishment.
f. Milford 13th Street Trailhead – Beck Engineering is making final updates to plans.
g. Wahpeton Trailhead – Plans are complete.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2025 Maintenance – 2025 HMA Crack Sealing is complete. Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Johnson to approve Beck Excavating, Inc pay application #1 in the amount of $82,241.20 and change order #1 resulting in a contract cost increase of $12,000 for additional crack sealing of the Spine and Nature Center Trails. Carried.
b. 2024 Flood Damage – All projects closed out with FEMA and reimbursements received. There are a couple of items to wrap up with the state for final reimbursement.
c. Tatanka Ska Trailhead – DeRuyter Cleaning painted bathroom floors. Winterization and closing scheduled for October 27, 2025.
d. Spine Trail Drainage: Tile boring complete under the railroad bed and trail.
7. 2025 Development Plan:
Submitted Grants: State Rec Trails – Recommended for award of $295,000 (Clay Count Connection III).
Federal Rec Trails – We will withdraw application pending approval of state grant.
8. Superior Rail Cars: Cars have been removed from county property; rail and tie removal is complete.
9. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. Iowa Trails/Bike Summits – Report by Reed and Taylor.
b. Fall Friends Campaign meeting scheduled for October 22, 2025 @ 5 pm.
c. Maintenance Committee Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2025 @ 9 am.
d. September Trail Counts – est. 60,000, need to finalize upload of data.
e. Eagle Scout Project – Stained wood on bridges and painted lettering.
10. Adjourn – Motion by Mugge and 2nd by Rierson to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting November 14, 2025