Dickinson County Trails Board
January 9, 2026

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Johnson, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Taylor, Markwardt, Reed
Board Absent: Kass, Maas, Rierson
1. Meeting called to order by President Norby
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Mugge to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims: Alliant Energy $181.39, Beck Engineering $1,457.50, Bohlmann, Inc. $288.50, Dickinson County Conservation $40,000.00, Dickinson County News $56.67, Dickinson County $255.28, Erin Reed $123.90, Marco $118.56, US Bank-Trails Credit Card $26.00
Visitors: B. Groen, B. Cuperus, C. Pavelko
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Levi Markwardt: Supervisors currently involved in budget discussions.
5. Development:
a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b): Waiting on final documentation for closeout.
b. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Beck Excavating has two punch list items to complete prior to starting project closeout.
Phase II – Waiting for comments from DOT and Magellan in order to finalize plans.
Phase III – Plans are being updated to coordinate with ILEC removal of power poles and work through right-of-way next to an acreage in that area. Project will be delayed to late fall or spring of 2027.
c. Tatanka Ska Phase V(a) & Phase V(b): Reviewed Beck Engineering's proposal for design services on trail going east from Orleans. Motion by Harrington and 2nd by Herman to approve Beck engineering's proposal for Tatanka Phase V(a) & Phase V(b). Carried.
d. Milford & Wahpeton Trail Heads – Plans are complete and ready to go for bid. Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Taylor to set bid letting date for the 2026 DCTB Trail Improvement Projects on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. and to set a public hearing date to review and act upon bids on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 7:00 am. Carried.
6. Maintenance:
a. 2024 Flood Damage – Final reimbursement was received and projects are closed.
b. 2026 Maintenance – Petersen Trail: No action.
West Lake and North Bay Trails: Included with Milford and Wahpeton Trailheads; bid letting on February 10.
7. 2025 - 2026 Development Plan:
Board reviewed and discussed current and future projects for long-term planning and grant opportunities.
8. FY 2027 Budget – Review and discussion of FY27 budget. Budget meeting with Board of Supervisors will be Thursday January 22, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Dykema to approve the FY27 budget as presented. Carried.
9. Election of Officers – Nominations received for the following officers: President- Jason Harrington, Vice-president- Ann Mugge, and Secretary- Daniel Johnson. Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Herman to approve nominations. Carried.
10. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. 2025 Annual Report – Review of report and city council schedule.
b. Director Appointments – West Okoboji will reappoint Kass and Lake Park will reappoint Niemeier at their next meetings.
c. Fall Friends Campaign – Update on fall campaign.
Total trail count for year 2025 - 415,487
10. Adjourn – Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Herman to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting February 13, 2026