Dickinson County Trails Board
June 12, 2026

Board Present: Dykema, Herman, Johnson, Kass, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, Reed
Board Absent: Harrington, Maas, Markwardt
1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Mugge
2. 7:00 am Public Hearing: 2026 DCTB Peterson Trail Drainage Improvements – Bid letting was held on 6/9/26; Vice President Mugge opened the public hearing on the Peterson Trail Drainage Improvements Project. Review and discussion of bids received. With no further comment from the board or audience, Mugge closed the public hearing. Motion made by Dykema and 2nd by Johnson to approve awarding the 2026 DCTB Peterson Trail Drainage Improvements to the only bidder Beck Excavating. Carried.
3. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Niemeier and 2nd by Taylor to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims: Alliant Energy $116.39, Beck Engineering $59,036.25, Beck Excavating $91,814.33, Boji Portable Toilets $140.00, Business Today $4,344.00, Certified Testing Services $468.00, Custom Creations $5,342.40, DeRuyter Cleaning $1,000.00, Dickinson County News $162.78, Dickinson County $22.74, Erin Reed $128.33, Marco $149.52, Plantin' Posies $550.00, Spirit Lake City of $45.91, US Bank -Trails Credit Card $31.00
Visitors: D. Foley, B. Groen, S. Nelson
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: No Update.
5. Development:
a. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Iowa DOT has approved the DBE goal adjustment for the project. Audit to be scheduled.
Phase II – Iowa DOT has given preliminary approval for the design going through Magellan's driveway. When approved, Beck will finalize plans with the intention of August bid letting. Permanent easement has been signed by J & L Johnson.
Phase III – Beck Engineering has adjusted the trail alignment to limit easements as discussed with B & M Johnson. Also looking at additional adjustments with Premier's communications vault. When that is clarified Beck will send plans to DOT for review.
b. Tatanka Ska Phase V(a) & Phase V(b): Plans are about 90 % complete. Beck will provide a preliminary plan with possible easement locations and encroaching properties that will need to be addressed.
c. Milford & Wahpeton Trailheads: Milford Trailhead is complete aside from landscaping and a panel of concrete that needs to be added. Beck Excavating is waiting on the water fountain for the Wahpeton Trailhead. Completion date for Wahpeton is July 31.
6. Maintenance:
a. West Lake and North Bay Trails: The retaining wall and trail replacements are complete. Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Taylor to approve pay application #2 to Beck Excavating, Inc. in the amount of $91,814.33. Carried
b. Peterson and Nature Center Trails: Review and action on bids received. Completion date is 10/31/26.
7. 2026 Development Plan:
Submitted Grants: 2026 Region 3 TAP Grant March 13,2025 – Anglers Bay Trail Awarded for $451,000.
DCEF Grant – Clay County Connection II: Submitted for $25,000.
Upcoming Grants: Motion made by Taylor and 2nd by Kass to approve applying to the 2026 State Recreational Trails grant program for Tatanka Ska Phase V(a). Carried.
8. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. Commons Easement – Review of Common Holdings request to vacate trail easement on the Hwy. 71side of their property. Conservation Board will make the final decision.
b. Milford Trailhead Encroachment – Review of lot lines and encroachment in relation to Alger Customs property to the west; no action taken.
c. Okoboji Project Podcast – Held at Dickinson County Museum on June 2 with a great turnout.

d. July Board Meeting – Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Rierson to approve changing the July 10 meeting to July 9 at 7:00 am. Carried.
e. Trail Map Brochure – New maps are being distributed.
f. 2026 Bikes-Brews-Bites – July 17 from 6-10 pm.
g. May Trail Counts – 56,840. Total YTD 107,934.
h. REAP Assembly – 1-3:00 pm, Thursday, July 23, Monarch Lodge.
i. Upcoming Events – U of O Campus Ride: 6/27/26; BRASL: 7/11/26; Tiki Ride: 8/1/26.
j. Trail Benches – 6 new benches are being placed.
9. Adjourn – Motion by Johnson and 2nd by Kass to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting Thursday, July 9, 2026