Dickinson County Trails Board
August 14, 2026

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Kass, Johnson, Niemeier, Norby, Taylor, Markwardt, Reed
Board Absent: Herman, Maas, Mugge, Rierson
1. Meeting called to order by Secretary, Daniel Johnson.
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Norby and 2nd by Niemeier to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims: Alliant Energy $149.28, Amanda Hansen $1000.00, Back Alley BBQ $5050.00, Beck Engineering $2,410.50, Beck Excavating $50,792.56, Boji Portable Toilets, Inc $140.00, Custom Creations $359.00, DeRuyter Cleaning $1,100.00, DC Conservation Board $500.00, Dickinson County News $58.82, Dickinson County $208.62, Erin Reed $395.16, Hope Rolls $2,600.00, Lakes News Shopper $640.00, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler $23.26, Plantin' Posies $1,769.50, Rylan Howe Photography $325.00, Spirit Lake City of $121.54, US Bank -Trails Credit Card $438.47, Vugteveen Lawn Service $300.00, Yvonne Taylor $233.00
Visitors: B. Groen, B. Sackett, B. Cuperus
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Nothing to report.
5. Development:
a. Clay County Connection Phases I, II & III:
Phase I – Final audit items are complete; project is ready for final payment and closeout. Motion made by Harrington and 2nd by Taylor to approve Beck Excavating, Inc. final pay application #8 in the amount of $9,311.24 and change order #2 that amounts for an adjustment of final quantities and a contract cost increase of $27,354.00. Carried.
Phase II – Motion made by Niemeier and 2nd by Norby to set a bid letting date for the 2026 Dickinson County Trails Board Clay County Connection PCC Recreational Trail Phase II on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 10:00 am and set a public hearing date to review and act upon bids on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:00 am. Carried.
Phase III – We are on schedule for a February bid letting; preliminary plans will be submitted next week.
b. Tatanka Ska Phase V(a): Plans are about 90 % complete. The State Rec Trails grant was submitted on July 1 requesting $535,000. The REAP grant will be submitted today (Aug. 14) through the City of Spirit Lake.
c. Milford & Wahpeton Trailheads: The Wahpeton bike work stand and water fountain are installed.
6. Maintenance:
a. West Lake and North Bay Trails: The retaining wall and trail replacements are complete.
b. Peterson and Nature Center Trails: Project to start after Sept. 14 with a completion date of Oct. 31, 2026.
7. 2026 Development Plan:
Submitted Grants: 2026 Region 3 TAP Grant – Anglers Bay Trail Awarded for $451,000.
DCEF Grant – Clay County Connection II: Submitted for $25,000.
State Rec Trails – Tatanka Ska Phase V(a): Submitted for $535,000.
Iowa DNR REAP grant – Tatanka Ska Phase V(a): submitted for $100,000.
8. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. 2026 Bikes-Brews-Bites – Recap of event.
b. Eagle View Bike Work Stand – Conservation crew installed bike work stand by Eagle View golf course.
c. July Trail Counts – 89, 660. Total YTD 295,662
d. REAP Assembly – Saturday, August 29, 2026 in Des Moines. Reed will attend as delegate.
d. Upcoming Events – Move for Mental Health: 8/29/26. Octoberfest Ride: Saturday, 9/26/26. Iowa Trails Summit: 10/1-2/26. Motion made by Niemeier and 2nd by Taylor to approve Trail Sponsorship at $200.00 for the Iowa Trails Summit. Carried.
e. Adjourn – Motion by Norby and 2nd by Niemeier to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting Friday, September 11, 2026