Dickinson County Trails Board
October 9, 2026

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Herman, Kass, Maas, Mugge, Rierson, Taylor, Markwardt, Reed
Board Absent: Johnson, Niemeier, Norby
1. Meeting called to order by President Harrington.
2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Maas and 2nd by Dykema to approve the consent agenda. Carried.
Bills & Claims: Alliant Energy $149.48, Beck Engineering $3,818.75, Beck Excavating $29,379.86, Bohlman, Inc. $3,074.80, Boji Portable Toilets, Inc $143.00, DeRuyter Cleaning $1,740.00, Dickinson County News $75.44, Dickinson County $38.01, Spirit Lake City of $224.40, US Bank -Trails Credit Card $1,183.93
3. Visitors: B. Cuperus, B. Groen, B. Sackett
4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Nothing to report.
5. Development:
a. Clay County Connection Phases II & III:
Phase II – The board of supervisors to award the project to Wicks Construction next week per guidance from Iowa DOT. Motion made by Mugge and 2nd by Kass to approve construction engineering services proposal from Beck Engineering for Clay County Connection Phase II. Carried
Phase III – Plans have been submitted and are under review. District 3 DOT sent back comments, and we continue to track for a February bid letting.
b. Tatanka Ska Phase V(a): The State Recreation Trails grant was recommended for award of $475,000.
c. Tatanka Ska Phase V(b): The Federal Rec Trails grant was submitted on October 1 requesting $425,000; recommended awards are usually announced in January.
d. Milford & Wahpeton Trailheads: Projects are complete and recommended for final payment. Motion by Maas and 2nd by Rierson to approve final pay application #5 to Beck Excavating, Inc. in the amount of $4,607.03. Carried.
d. Tatanka Ska Trace – Osceola County: Continuing discussion with INHF and Osceola County regarding the Allendorf property.
7. Maintenance:
a. West Lake and North Bay Trails: Projects are complete and final payment will be made this month.
b. Peterson and Nature Center Trails: The culvert has been installed, and grading is complete for Peterson Trail project. Paving, backfill and seeding will follow. Asphalt shoulder has been removed with back fill complete, and grass coming in for the Nature Center Trail. Motion by Rierson and 2nd by Maas to approve pay application #1 in the amount of $24,772.83 to Beck Excavating, Inc. Carried.
8. 2026 Development Plan:
Submitted Grants: State Rec Trails – [Tatanka Ska Phase V(a)] Awarded $475,000.
IA DNR REAP – [Tatanka Ska Phase V(a)] Submitted for $100,000.
Federal Rec Trails – [Tatanka Ska Phase V(b)] Submitted for $425,000.
Upcoming Grants: Region 3 TAP grant – March 2027 [Tatanka Ska Trace].
Okoboji Foundation – March 1, 2027 [Not eligible due to outstanding grant].
9. Board & Executive Director Items:
a. Bridge Inspection Class – Recertification class in Ames, November 3-5.
b. Iowa Trails Documentary – Filming this Saturday, October 10, 2026.
c. Iowa Trails and Bike Summit – Taylor and Reed provided recap of event.
d. September Trail Counts – 34,521 / Total YTD 403,175
e. Maintenance Committee - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:00am.
10. Adjourn – Motion by Kass and 2nd by Maas to adjourn. Carried.
Next meeting Friday, November 13, 2026.