

October 13, 2023

Board Present: Johnson, Kass, Maas, Mueting, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, ED Reed.

Board Absent: Harrington

1. Meeting called to order by President Norby

2. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Motion by Maas and 2nd by Rierson to approve the consent agenda. Carried.

Bills & Claims 10-13-23: Alliant Energy \$151.77, Beck Engineering \$30,484.00, Boji Portable Toilets, Inc. \$140.00, Cory Juergens Construction \$67,435.59, DeRuyter Cleaning \$1,250.00, Dickinson County News \$59.66, Dickinson County \$18.18, Erin Reed \$164.41, Iowa DOT \$71.89, Lakes News Shopper \$312.20, Marco \$95.02, Marsha Carlson \$45.00, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler \$32.75, City of Spirit Lake \$368.65, US Bank-Trails Credit Card \$301.27.

3. Visitors: B. Groen, B. Cuperus, C. Pavelko, B. Sackett

4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: Tim Fairchild

5. Development:

a. Tatanka Ska Phase III(c) - DOT approved the repairs; preparing to close the project.

b. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – Juergens plans to start the project the week of November 1. Motion by Taylor and 2nd by Niemeier to approve Certified Testing Services proposal for construction materials testing on Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b). Carried.

Motion by Maas and 2nd by Kass to approve applying to the Community Attraction and Tourism grant through IEDA for Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b). Carried.

c. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(c) – Motion by Rierson and 2nd by Maas to approve Cory Juergens Construction, LLC final pay application #8 in the amount of \$67,435.59 and change order #2 that accounts for an adjustment of final quantities and contract cost increase of \$31,688.76. Carried. Change order to be reimbursed by CFE.

d. Edgewood Drive Trail – The trail project is complete.

e. Clay County Connection Phase I – Beck submitted updated plans and a drainage report to District 3 DOT this week.

f. Clay County Connection Phase II – Beck Engineering continues to work on preliminary design; Federal Rec Trails grants was submitted on 9/29/23 and the REAP grant for \$75,000 was awarded on 10/12/23.

g. PLAC Trail Loop – Wetland delineation has been received and will not affect the trail alignment.

6. Maintenance:

a. 202nd St. Trailhead – Seeding is planned for this week.

7. Tatanka Ska Trailhead – Alger installed the tower slats and Steffes if working on finishing touches. Mike Cedar is working with the landscaper to finalize plantings.

8. 2023-2024 Development Plan

Submitted Grants: State Rec Trails – Clay County Phase II, not funded.

REAP Grant – Clay County Phase II awarded \$75,000.

Federal Rec. Trails Grant – Clay County Phase II, submitted for \$490,000.

Upcoming Grants: IEDA CAT Grant (Tatanka Ska Phase IVb).

Destination Iowa – In development: \$6.5 million available.

9. Board and Executive Director Items

a. Okoboji Commons – Okoboji BOA approved the conditional use permit for the condo conversion; we are working through a temporary access agreement with the developer.

b. Iowa Trails Summit - The summit was informative about IEDA - CAT and Destination Iowa grants, Trail Towns and tourism grants.

Okoboji Foundation Summit - Good information on marketing ideas and Nonprofit Boot Camp service provided through OF.

c. Iowa Transportation Commission – Commissioner tour of Spine Trail on October 9.

d. REAP Assembly – October 3 meeting in Spencer to discuss conservation and recreation priorities.

e. Trail Counts – Update on September trail counts.

f. 2023 Planning Sessions – November and December meetings.

g. Friends & Maintenance Committees – Friends meeting Nov.29 @ 5:00pm and Maintenance meeting Nov. 17 @ 9:00am.

10. Motion by Maas and 2nd by Rierson to adjourn. Carried

Next meeting – November 10, 2023