

# Dickinson County Trails Board

February 9, 2024

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Kass, Maas, Mugge, Niemeier, Norby, Taylor, ED Reed

Board Absent: Johnson, Rierson

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Harrington

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

Bills & Claims 2-9-24 Alliant Energy \$66.43, Beck Engineering \$13,125.00, Dickinson County News \$46.74, Dickinson County \$23.09, Marco \$33.97, M. Carlson \$45.00, US Bank-Trails Credit Card \$23.00, Northwest Iowa Sprinkler \$285.00, John Fideler \$85.18, Copper Cottage \$756.00.

3. Visitors: B. Groen, C. Pavelco

4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: T. Fairchild

5. Development:

a. Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b) – Juergens plans to finish clearing trees next week.

b. Clay County Connection Phase I – Iowa DOT now working on NEPA clearance; Beck is working on the wetlands permit.

c. Clay County Connection Phase II – No update.

d. PLAC Trail Loop – We had a teleconference meeting with Nelson Treehouse; plan is for them to do a site visit early spring.

6. Maintenance: No updates.

7. 2024-2025 Development Plan

Submitted Grant Applications:

IEDA CAT Grant: 11-15-23 [Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b)] – awarded \$200,000.

Destination Iowa – 1-31-24 [Clay County Connection I-III] Submitted for \$880,862.

Upcoming Grants:

Okoboji Foundation – 3-1-24: PLAC will apply for PLAC Loop Trail.

Region 3 TAP Grant – 4-1-24: Motion by Maas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Niemeier to approve application to Region 3 TAP grant for the Silver Lake Loop. Carried.

8. FY 2025 Budget – Budget hearing with the supervisors was held on 1-24-24.

9. Board and Executive Director Items

a. 2023 Annual Report – Report is out to the cities; review of council meeting schedule.

b. Cross Country Skiing – New snow roller arrived; meeting with Conservation Foundation on 2/12 to discuss Polaris Foundation Grant.

c. Trail Map Brochures – Review draft map.

d. Fall Friends Campaign – Update on fall campaign.

e. Executive & Friends Committees – Updates: Friends Committee meeting scheduled for February 21 at 5:00pm.

10. Closed Session – Motion by Taylor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maas to go into closed session for Executive Director Performance Evaluation. Carried. Motion by Dykema and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kass to go out of closed session. Carried.

11. Adjourn – Motion by Kass and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maas to adjourn. Carried.

Next Meeting – March 8, 2024