

# Dickinson County Trails Board

March 8, 2024

Board Present: Dykema, Harrington, Johnson, Maas, Niemeier, Norby, Rierson, Taylor, ED Reed

Board Absent: Mugge, Kass

1. Meeting called to order by President Norby

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

Bills & Claims 3-8-24 Alliant Energy \$59.38, Beck Engineering \$6,192.00, C & B Powersports, LLC. \$1,231.35, Dickinson County News \$41.82, Dickinson County \$26.87, E. Reed \$86.43, IGL Sanitary District \$51.70, Marco \$33.97, M. Carlson \$45.00, Steffes Companies, LLC. \$756.00, US Bank-Trails Credit Card \$23.00.

3. Visitors: B. Groen, C. Pavelco. B. Cuperus, B. Sackett, N. Harp, D. Mills, S. Miller

4. Board of Supervisors Liaison: T. Fairchild

5. Development:

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

b. Clay County Connection Phase I – Iowa DOT has given NEPA clearance; still waiting for Army Corps review of potential wetland on north end of Hw.71.

c. Clay County Connection Phase II – Plans are on hold for DOT review and additional funding.

d. PLAC Trail Loop – PLAC applied for an Okobojo Foundation grant and is working on getting the engineering proposal approved.

e. Mountain Biking Trails: Nathan Harp, Drew Mills and Sally Miller were present to share information on Northwest Iowa Natural Surface Trails Association and interest in developing mountain biking trails in the region.

6. Maintenance:

a. 202<sup>nd</sup> St. Trailhead: No update.

b. 2024 Maintenance:

i. Reviewed special trail signage regarding leashing dogs and hunting on the trail.

ii. Considered offer from Huseman/Okobojo Cyclist to ‘adopt’ trail sections in Milford and provide for striping centerline and edge lines. Reed will follow up on plan with Huseman.

7. 2024-2025 Development Plan

Submitted Grant Applications:

Destination Iowa – January 31, 2024 [Clay County Connection 1-111] Submitted for \$880,862; not invited for final application.

IEDA CAT Grant: November 15, 2023 [Tatanka Ska Phase IV(b)] – awarded \$200,000.

Upcoming Grants:

Okobojo Foundation – March 1, 2024 PLAC applied for PLAC Loop Trail.

Region 3 TAP Grant – April 1, 2024 [Tatanka Ska - Silver Lake Loop 1]; \$272,000 for 2028.

State Rec Trails – July 1, 2024 [Clay County Connection II]

8. Board and Executive Director Items

a. 2023 Annual Report – Final presentation will be with West Okobojo on 3/12.

b. Cross Country Skiing – Polaris Foundation grant was submitted for a Ranger XP.

c. Trail Map Brochures – Reviewed draft map.

d. Interpretive Signage – Reed will continue looking into collaboration with Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe for interpretive signage on the trails.

e. SRDC Regional Trails Plan – Friday, April 5 @ 2:00pm: Focus group meeting to gather information on trail conditions and use in the region.

f. Celebrate Trails Day – Saturday, April 27, 2024.

g. Friends Committee- Friends meeting March 20 at 5:00pm.

9. Adjourn – Motion by Rierson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dykema to adjourn. Carried.

Next Meeting – April 12, 2024