



DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Board Members:
Stacy Conforti
George Davis
Jackie Kehr
Mark Wagner
Jim Pfeiler

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Dubuque County Conservation Board meeting was called to order by Stacy Conforti 4:02 P.M. In person meeting at the Swiss Valley Nature Center with a Zoom link,
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88242360020?pwd=CGL48vI4e5e8amlrpT61K39TuYbbNg.1>
Meeting ID: 882 4236 0020 Passcode: 063337

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Stacy Conforti, George Davis, and Jim Pfeiler. Zoom: Jackie Kehr. Absent: Mark Wagner

Staff Members Present: Brian Preston, Nate Sisler, Kaytlan Moeller, Pat Schwartz and Lisa Schroeder.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to approve the November 30, 2023 payables was made by Davis and seconded by Pfeiler. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION FY2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

The Supervisors requested a 3 year budget. Preston and Sisler went through equipment and vehicle needs and updated those for FY2025 thru FY2027.

Preston requested for maintenance;	Estimates
Swiss Valley Nature Center Staining	\$15,000.00
Heritage Trail Bridge 11 railing and deck	\$35,000.00
Heritage Trail – Farley Parking lot upgrade	\$17,500.00
New Wine Electrical upgrades	\$40,000.00
New Wine Road	\$102,000.00
Discussion on Capital Projects;	Estimates
Marketing Plan	\$10,000.00
Video footage of areas	\$10,000.00
Seasonal Wages	\$20,000.00
Staff Maintenance	\$65,000.00
Wetland Mitigation Bank Feasibility Study	\$20,000.00
Mowing to Monarchs	\$30,000.00
Land Acquisition	\$100,000.00
Swiss Valley NC Parking Feasibility Study	\$25,000.00
Fish Habitat	\$19,300.00*
Heritage Trail – Hard Surfacing	\$685,000.00*

Grand Total for capital expenditures for FY2025 would be \$1,386,300.00. The plan is to apply for *State Funding, *TAP funds and *REAP/Dyersville. After additional funding is secure Grand Total for capital expenditures would be \$684,300.00

Moeller gave a few quotes for marketing plans and what each offered. Land acquisition and looking at another bond referendum were important items reviewed. Capital project request will go before the Supervisors in January. The Conservation board will approve the capital requests at the December Board meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Pat and Laura Schwartz, 15971 New Wine Park Ln., New Vienna, IA 52065. Pat Schwartz is the park attendant at New Wine. He expressed interest in retirement and wanted to let the Conservation Board know that the home he lives in on County land is owned partial by him and his wife Laura.

OLD BUSINESS:

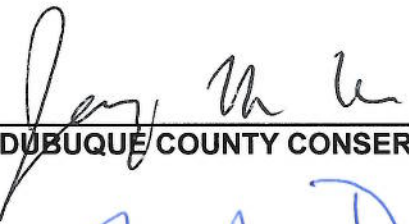
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NEXT MEETING:

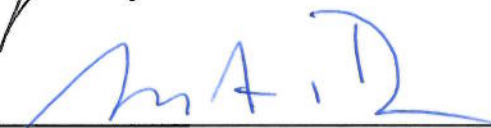
Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 4:00 P.M., Swiss Valley Nature Center.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn was made by Pfeiler and seconded by Davis. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

 12/21/2023

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