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Stacy Conforti
Sue Miller

December 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Dubuque County Conservation Board meeting was called to order by George Davis at 1:03 P.M. In person meeting at the Swiss Valley Nature Center with a Zoom link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87846966486?pwd=LFB9ja5LEtZtRhNacFfGLpGuKIFSG5.1>
Meeting ID: 878 4696 6486 Passcode: 938775

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: George Davis, Mark Wagner, Jim Pfeiler, Stacy Conforti and Sue Miller.
Staff Members Present: Brian Preston, Nate Sisler, Ray Martin, and Lisa Schroeder.

WORK SESSION FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Preston stated that we do not propose personnel services those are set with Human Resources and the Supervisors. The Supervisor's would like to see us not increase operating cost. Preston recommended under Park Maintenance/Operations Expenditures that we increase the sanitation & disposal services by \$5,000.00. Unfortunately, this line item has continued to rise, and we can go over in a line item but not in the services total as a whole. Under Recreation Services Expenditures, which represents Fillmore's budget also an increase of \$1,000.00 in sanitation & disposal services.

FY2025 budget amendment; Recreation Services Expenditures for Fillmore; lower line-item chemicals & gases by \$4,000.00 and fertilizer & seed by \$6,000.00 and add \$6,000.00 to line-item fixed plant repair and add \$4,000.00 to miscellaneous repair. Fillmore's irrigation was a needed repair this year.

Revenue figures to remain the same. Maybe some accounting changes to how revenue is recorded in the future. Plan to meet with the new Auditor after January 1, 2025. Preston would like to ask the Supervisors if additional revenue earned over proposed budgeted amount be transferred to a Conservation reserve fund. Fillmore needs a fairway mower in a couple of years. If we were able to have a reserve fund those funds could help offset the purchase in the future. Update revenue tracking at Fillmore with a more streamlined process on updated computer systems, meeting for future improvements and process with Fillmore Concessionaire, Preston and the Auditor.

Capital Projects in the past have been approved by project. For FY2025 the Supervisor's approved a lump sum of \$460,000.00. Preston said this gives us room to adjust projects based on timing, necessity and overruns. Proposed Capital Projects FY2026; 2020 South patrol truck, mower replacement, ditch mower, Swiss Valley electrical upgrade, Fillmore campground expansion and electrical upgrade, Miller house demo, Massey gas pump upgrade, Massey gas dock repair, updated comprehensive plan, Mowing to Monarchs, Bankston footbridge, park entrance signs, finish trail to Proving Grounds, well pump at Fillmore, Bridge 30 on Heritage Trail with the possibility of a grant. Total proposed Capital Project request \$808,000.00, there may be the possibility of a State Recreation Trail Grant to help with Bridge 30.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

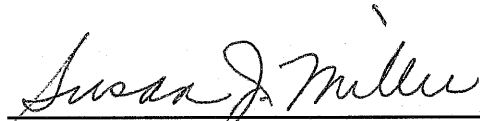
Motion to approve payment to Kluesner Construction \$21,330.07, Top Grade Excavating \$19,427.59 and S2 Construction \$91,803.55 was made by Conforti and seconded by Pfeiler. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING:

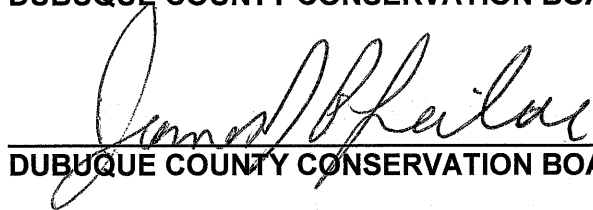
Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 4:00 P.M regular board meeting, Swiss Valley Nature Center.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn was made by Wagner and seconded by Conforti. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.



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