



**Board of Directors**  
Minutes October 7, 2021

- I. Call to Order: **Marcus Coenen 7:00 PM**
- II. Board Attendance:
  - A. **Officers:** President Marcus Coenen, VP Chris Friest, Secretary Brent Millis, Treasurer Jay Cox-Kozel .
  - B. **Board:** Edward Fishman, Tom LaPointe, Nicholas Mertes, Vanessa Phelan (online), Adam Plagge, Kate Ross, Kylie Spies, Dave Busiek
  - C. **Guests:** City Inspector Brian Anderson (online), Leslie Berckes, Derek Namanny
- III. Approval of Agenda: **Marcus Coenen**
  - A. Additions
    - 1. Rain Gardens - Derek Namanny
    - 2. Board Vacancy - Marcus Coenen
  - B. Moved, Seconded, Approved
- IV. Approval of September Minutes: **Brent Millis**
  - A. Moved, Seconded, Approved
- V. Treasurer’s Report/Budget Approval: **Jay Kozel**
  - A. Financials emailed to board
    - 1. always a timing issue of when expenses v. income is reported
  - B. Moved, Seconded, Approved
- VI. Public Comment - **All**
  - A. No Comments
- VII. Polk County Land and Water Legacy - **Leslie Berckes**
  - A. Bond Initiative to appear on ballot Nov. 2
    - 1. On January 12, 2021, the Polk County Board of Supervisors asked The Trust for Public Land, in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy and the Great Outdoors Foundation, to explore potential options to renew dedicated funding for conservation within the county.
    - 2. On June 9, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-0611, the Polk County Conservation Board requested the Polk County Board of Supervisors to place a \$65.0 million Polk County’s Water & Land Legacy general obligation bond on the November 2, 2021 regular county election ballot and recommended bond language.
    - 3. Voters approved similar bond in 2012; this is a plan to renew bond to continue with funding of water quality projects
    - 4. More info can be found here:  
<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/polk-county-water-land-legacy-bond/>
  - B. Funding Breakdown of \$65 million
    - 1. 38% to water quality (acquisition of land to protect drinking water, dam mitigation)
    - 2. 31% to parks
    - 3. 15% to Land (trails)
    - 4. Remainder dedicated to more detailed projects
  - C. **MOTION:** Agree to Promote & Educate Neighbors on Bond without taking a position

1. Motion Passed. One “No” vote (Adam Plagge)
- VIII. Rain Gardens - **Derek Namanny**
- A. Rain Garden Mailer
    1. Overwhelming Demand - over 60 requests for a rain garden
    2. Site visits with homeowners
      - a) planned for this fall
      - b) pushing this to spring 2022
  - B. City Right of Way Rain Garden Demonstration - Raymond/Holland Dr. (see appendix)
    1. Tentatively planned Oct. 15 & 16
    2. Oct. 15 peel back sod
    3. Oct. 16 construction of rain garden with information booth
    4. Waiting on Iowa One call to allow for digging.
- IX. Banner Contest: **Kate Ross & Adam Plagge**
- A. Submissions
    1. Not ideal for Beaverdale
    2. Kate to go with more cohesive design that was emailed to board (see appendix)
  - B. **Motion**: Spend up to \$1500 on Kate’s four colored banner design and implementation
    1. Motion Passed. One “No” vote (Eddie Fishman)
- X. Holiday Happenings: **All**
- A. Tentatively Saturday 12/4
  - B. Events
    1. Lights Contest
    2. Bike Ride
    3. Tree Lighting
    4. Santa at Beaverdale Books (pending Beaverdale Books participation)
    5. Tentative Bar Crawl
      - a) Jay to lead, Nick and Kate to help
    6. Retail Participation
      - a) Up Tempo - thinking about it but no follow-up response
      - b) Beaverdale Books
- XI. Board Vacancy - **Marcus Coenen**
- A. Therese Herold Interested in filling position
    1. Would fill Carl Saxson’s position for remainder of Year
    2. Up for vote at BNA Annual Meeting in February 2022
  - B. **Motion**: Approve Therese Herold board appointment left by Carl Saxson to be voted on in February 2022
    1. Motion Passed
- XII. Other Business
- A. Candidate Questionnaire - **Kylie Spies**
    1. Four main Themes
    2. Questions sent to candidates (10/18 deadline for candidates to respond)
    3. Response to be posted on social media, website
    4. Specific question to be provided to KCCI moderator for forum
    5. **MOTION**: Defer to the Sub-Committee to choose a question to submit to KCCI to potentially ask at a public forum. (Motion Passed)
  - B. Brian Anderson - City Inspector
    1. Common Complaints: Garbage totes not pulled in timely manner, roofing signs in public right of way
    2. House Clean up involved process
    3. Learning new database



Banner Submissions



