

PROCEEDINGS: IDA COUNTY CONSERVATION • MAY 8 MINUTES

**IDA COUNTY
CONSERVATION BOARD:
MEETING MINUTES
299 JASPER AVE.**

IDA GROVE, IA, 51445

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 • 6 p.m.

**CONSERVATION CENTER
MOOREHEAD PARK**

Board Members Present:
Synda Jepsen, chair; Randy Vogt,
vice-chair, Sue Knop, Dennis
Leonard, and Don Poggensee.

Others Present: Zach Hall,
Director; and Dan Hedberg, Op.
Supervisor.

The May 8, ICCB business
meeting was called to order at 6:01
p.m. by Synda Jepsen.

Primary Agenda Topics:

- **ICCB agenda:** A motion to
pass the agenda was made by Don
and seconded by Dennis, all were
in favor.

- **Minutes:** A motion to approve
the April 12 minutes was made by
Sue, seconded by Dennis, and all
were in favor.

- **Monthly Bills:** Crawford Creek
campground water pump, storm
shelter sidewalk, equipment, and
gravel. A motion to approve the bills
was made by Don, seconded by
Randy, and all were in favor.

- **Budget:** Hall reported the YTD
expenditures, revenue, UBI bank
balance, and monthly standings.

The budget is on track with
predictions.

- **Public Input:** Upcoming
events and park policies.

Secondary agenda topics:

FY24 Items, ICCB update,
Campgrounds, Rx Fire, PWS
Operations, ICCB and partners,
CCRA Boat ramp, Grants, and
open discussion.

FY24 Items: Hedberg led
a quality discussion reviewing
mower quotes and planning future
purchases.

ICCB's update: Staff have been
busy with grant projects, operations,
training, and educational programs.

Campgrounds: the first couple
weeks of camping was slow,
aligning with colder spring weather.

Developing a few reservable
camp sites is still being investigated
by ICCB staff.

Rx Fire: Staff participated in the
Little Sioux Cooperative burn week
for training. ICCB properties are
planned to be burned this month.

PWS Operations: Crawford
Creek's Public Water Supply Start-
Up Procedures were successfully
completed and Moorehead Parks
quarterly sample came back with
good results.

ICCB and partners: Local non-
profit conservation organizations
notified ICCB of successful

partnered project awards. Crooked
Spurs assisted the Rich Smith
Wildlife Habitat Area Project
with over \$25,000 of committed
funding over the past year. The Ida
County Conservation Foundation
is partnering with ICCB to re-build
the access to Crawford Creek's
handicapped accessible fishing pier
over the next year.

CCRA Boat ramp: Crawford
Creek's Boat ramp dredging and
shoreline armoring is completed.
Thanks to Dan Hedberg, Ida
County Secondary Roads, Ida
County Conservation Foundation
for supporting the project.

Grants: Hall is finishing up
the Wildlife Habitat Stamp grant
application and grant completion
reports.

Other grant projects were
discussed, but an official vote did
not take place.

Open Discussion: ICCB
discussed utilizing their 5-year
Capital Improvements Plan in FY24
instead of developing an annual
plan.

After discussion, the ICCB
meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
The next ICCB public meeting is
Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6 p.m.
at Moorehead Park's Conservation
Center.