

**Clarke County Development Office**  
**115 E. Washington, Osceola, Iowa**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2023**  
**9:30 am**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ty Wheeler called the regular business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clarke County Reservoir Commission (CCRC) to order at 9:30 am on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Commissioners/Alternate responding to roll call were Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

Denise Arnold-City of Murray arrived at 9:31 AM.

Others in attendance were Cassandra Brooks-Newspaper, Mike Butterfield-HDR, Aby Bauer-SIRWA, Dexter Yaddof-NRCS, Nelson Fry.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Brandon Patterson made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Sue Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

**APPROVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR MINUTES**

Commissioner Brenda Standley made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Brandon Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

**APPROVE OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Brandon Patterson made a motion to approve October Treasurer Report as written. Commissioner Denise Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

## **OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT**

**General Fund:** Previous statement balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$91,509.99. Revenue Received were \$51,029.91 Expenses Cleared were \$203.76 for Creston Publishing Company. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$142,336.14. Revenue Presented was \$7,826.00 for USDA Treas. Expenses Presented were \$155.65 for Creston Publishing Company.

**Special Account:** Previous statement balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$49,539.93. Revenue received was \$17,485.00 from Bud Jones, \$132.93 for September 2023 interest. No Expenses Cleared. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$67,157.86. No Revenue Presented. No Expenses Presented.

**LOSST 2008 Checking Account:** Previous statement balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$28,218.23. Revenue received was \$3,022.64 for City of Woodburn Local Option Sales Tax, \$56.58 for September 2023 interest. Expenses Cleared were \$194.00 for Clarke County Treasurers Office, \$1,754.00 for Clarke County Treasurers Office. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$29,349.45. No Revenue Presented. No Expenses Presented.

**LOSST 2009 Checking Account:** Previous statement balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$1,151,893.26. Revenue received was \$2,358.24 from September 2023 Interest. Expenses cleared were \$10,521.59 for HDR Engineering, \$35.72 for CPI LLC. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$1,143,694.19. No Revenue Presented. Expenses Presented were \$11,250.00 for Osceola Water Works, \$40.39 for CPI LLC, \$27,500.00 for CPI LLC, \$31,564.77 for HDR Engineering Inc, \$6,105.66 for Tallgrass Archaeology.

**LOSST 2010 Preferred Direct Savings Account:** Previous statement balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$315,147.20. Revenue received was \$13,354.98 for City of Murray Local Option Sales Tax, \$663.11 for September 2023 interest. No Expenses Cleared. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$329,165.29. Revenue Presented was \$14,913.51 for City of Murray Local Option Sales Tax. No Expenses Presented.

Commissioners had received the Treasurer's Report, and copies of all bills, to review prior to the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dexter Yaddof with NRCS gave an update regarding some conservation projects that NRCS is working on in the project watershed. He also reported that the Clarke Soil and Water Conservation District had received an allocation of \$100,000 from the Iowa Public Owned Lakes Fund for the current fiscal year. This will be used for small dams and other conservation practices in the project watershed.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **HDR REPORT**

Mike Butterfield, HDR, discussed progress on the watershed plan-EIS. HDR economists are meeting with NRCS economist on November 2 to review proposed economic evaluation procedures. The draft plan-EIS should be ready for internal HDR and CCRC review by mid-December.

### **CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF D-BAR FARMS MANGEMENT PLAN**

Dave Beck, Project Coordinator; Ty Wheeler, Chair; and Brandon Patterson, Vice-Chair met with D-Bar Farms representatives on June 22, 2023 at their request. D-Bar Farms stated they wanted to use their land covered by the easement that CCRC obtained. Dave Beck, revised the project management plan to reflect their discussion and CCRC best estimate of project plan completion and construction at this time.

Commissioner Brandon Patterson made a motion to approve the new revised management plan with D-Bar Farms as written. Commissioner Brenda Standley seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

### **AUTHORIZE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN AMENDMENT TO NRCS PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Beck explained that he and Chairman Wheeler had submitted a request to NRCS to amend the current agreement with NRCS. The amendment will extend the agreement to December 31, 2024 and add \$250,000 in federal funds. This will provide time and financial assistance to help CCRC complete required work necessary to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act. Beck is asking that the Commission authorize Chairman Wheeler to sign the amendment when NRCS provides it, as it is often a situation where NRCS wants an amendment approved in a short turnaround time.

Commissioner William Trickey made a motion to approve authorizing chairperson to sign as currently written with an additional \$250,000 federal financial assistance. Commissioner Brandon Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

**CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH CPI LLC**

Commissioner William Trickey made a motion to approve the renewal contract with CPI LLC as written. Commissioner Brandon Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

Nayes: Austin Taylor- Clarke County Board of Supervisors

**CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH OSCEOLA WATER WORKS**

Commissioner William Trickey made a motion to approve the renewal contract with Osceola Water Works as written. Commissioner Sue Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler- City of Osceola, Brenda Standley-SIRWA, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

Abstained: Brandon Patterson – Osceola Water Board

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Dave Beck, Project Coordinator, reported that he had met with Tallgrass Archeology at their office in Iowa City on October 13 to discuss ongoing and likely future work with them. They currently have staff in the field working on “Phase 1” inventory work at the dam and spillway. He also met with NRCS and HDR staff on October 11 to continue coordination on planning activities.

**OTHER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioner Brandon Patterson gave a brief update to the other commissioners regarding water lake levels at West Lake, stating we are currently at 6.2 feet below normal. Brandon informed the commissioners he is expecting to have divers the first weekend in November to raise the lower intake 4ft to supply another 100 days of water use as we are currently at 200 days left.

The next regular CCRC meeting is planned for Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clarke County Development office.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Brandon Patterson and seconded by Commissioner Denise Arnold the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners/Alternate: Ty Wheeler- City of Osceola, Brenda Standley -SIRWA, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Austin Taylor-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Denise Arnold-City of Murray and Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

William Trickey  
Secretary

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APPROVED