

CLARKE COUNTY RESERVOIR COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Approved

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, April 24, 2025. Commissioners/Alternate responding to roll call were Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Sue Wilder-Member at Large, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Brenda Standley-SIRWA Alternate.

Others in attendance were Royce Roberston, Dave Beck-CPI, Michael Butterfield-HDR, Andrew Clark-CCDC, Sharon Clark-Spoke Communications, LLC, Barry Mateer-Soil & Water Conservation Commission, and Patti Snyder-Osceola Water Works.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Jeff Rice-SIRWA, made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Denise Arnold-City of Murray, seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

APPROVE MARCH 27, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Sue Wilder-Member at Large, made a motion to approve the March 27, 2025 regular meeting minutes as written. Commissioner William Trickey-City of Woodburn, seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

APPROVE APRIL TREASURER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Jeff Rice-SIRWA, made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Reports as written. Commissioner Denise Arnold-City of Murray, seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund: Previous statement balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$867,668.62. Revenue Received was \$2,577.49 for March 2025 Interest. Expenses Cleared were \$825.00 for Spoke Communications, LLC. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$869,421.11. No Revenue was Presented. Expenses Presented were \$167.31 for Creston Publishing and \$825.00 for Spoke Communications, LLC. Expenses Outstanding were \$153.86 for Creston Publishing Company and \$825.00 for Spoke Communications, LLC.

Special Account: Previous statement balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$108,399.56. Revenue received was \$15,000.00 for Bud Jones Farm Account for Hay Contract and \$349.56 for March 2025 interest. No Expenses Cleared. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$123,749.12. No Revenue Presented. No Expenses Presented.

LOSST 2008 Checking Account: Previous statement balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$67,018.27. Revenue received was \$2,309.12 for City of Woodburn Local Option Sales Tax and \$202.10 for March 2025 interest. No Expenses Cleared. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$69,529.49. Revenue Presented was \$2,502.08 for City of Woodburn Local Option Sales Tax. No Expenses were presented. Expenses outstanding were \$1,620.00 for Clarke County Treasurer.

LOSST 2009 Checking Account: Previous statement balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$734,524.16. Revenue received was \$2,148.47 for March 2025 Interest. Expenses Cleared were \$13,500.00 for Osceola Water Works and \$38.32 for Main Street Checks. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$723,134.31. No Revenue Presented. Expenses Presented were \$31,000.00 for CPI, LLC, \$25,259.89 for HDR Engineering, Inc., \$13,500.00 for Osceola Water Works, \$33,347.76 for Tallgrass Archaeology, LLC, \$35.11 for CPI, LLC. Expenses Outstanding were \$42,303.98 for HDR Engineering, Inc.

LOSST 2010 Preferred Direct Savings Account: Previous statement balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$582,691.79. Revenue received was \$1,732.11 for March 2025 interest. No Expenses Cleared. Total Ending Bank Statement Balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$584,423.90. Revenue Presented was \$11,393.01 for City of Murray Local Option Sales Tax. No Expenses Presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present to address the Board and no other correspondence was received.

NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

HDR REPORT

Michael Butterfield of HDR Engineering reported on progress of the Plan EIS at National Water Management Center. Review is in process and expected to take approximately 50 days. Following the review, HDR will go over questions and comments with Iowa NRCS. The report will then be submitted for NRCS Programmatic Review which is expected to take 30 days. Public and agency review is expected in Summer/Fall 2025. Following that review, NRCS should be able to approve the Plan EIS. CCRC should then be able to apply for funding with expected design work in 2026.

Commissioner William Trickey-City of Woodburn asked who the final approver is: the NRCS Chief is the final Plan EIS approver.

Commissioner Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board asked how long the Plan EIS is good for: the Plan EIS is good for a period of 5 years.

HDR Field work regarding Wetland & Stream Mitigation is planned for May and Bat Habitat Surveys will done in April, May & June.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE IOWA STATE OFFICE, CLARKE COUNTY RESERVOIR COMMISSION, AND THE IOWA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, REGARDING PHASED IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR THE CLARKE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Chairperson Ty Wheeler, presented the Programmatic Agreement Among the USDA, NRCS-IA, CCRC, and IA SHPO regarding phased identification and evaluation of Historic Properties for the Clarke County Water Supply Project.

Dave Beck, Project Coordinator, presented a Summary of the Programmatic Agreement. The Agreement establishes the Area of Potential Effect (APE) which may be changed as plans & designs are completed. There are 8 undertaking phases that need to be cleared. NRCS will prepare reports for SHPO for each of the 8 phases as well as a Summary of the phases. Once the phases are cleared individually, the project will be cleared collectively. Procedures must be followed in the case of inadvertent discoveries or the discovery of human remains. The Programmatic Agreement is good for 10 years and requires annual reports from CCRC and NRCS describing the progress of implementation of the agreement. Signatories are required from NRCS and IA SHPO. Signatories are invited from CCRC. Concurring Party Signatories from Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, and Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Commissioner William Trickey-City of Woodburn asked about discoveries: contracts with Tallgrass Archaeology, LLC will provide information of any significant discovery sites.

After discussion, Commissioner William Trickey-City of Woodburn made a motion to approve that Programmatic Agreement as presented. Commissioner Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Dave Beck, Project Coordinator, gave an update on meetings held with NRCS, HDR, IA DNR Wildlife Bureau staff and CCRC Lobbyist: trying to get in touch with Representative Nunn's office but no meetings are scheduled yet. Would like to burn some prairie reconstruction tracts but the weather has not cooperated. HDR is working on cost estimates for future Plan EIS approval.

OTHER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Brandon Patterson – Osceola Water Board had questions regarding when the demolition of the former Snyder Property could occur and asked questions regarding the land where a future water storage tank would be located.

Commissioner Sue Wilder-Member at Large would like to Thank Dave Beck-Project Coordinator, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board and Sharon Clark-Spoke Communications, LLC for the hard work and article in the Osceola Sentinel-Tribune Newspaper comparing the water situation today to a few years ago.

The next regular meeting for the Clarke County Reservoir Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clarke County Development office.

ADJOURN MEETING

Upon motion made by Commissioner Denise Arnold-City of Murray, and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ty Wheeler-City of Osceola, Brandon Patterson-Osceola Water Board, William Trickey-City of Woodburn, Brian Sorensen-Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Rice-SIRWA, Denise Arnold-City of Murray, Sue Wilder-Member at Large.

 William Trickey
Secretary