

**MINUTES**  
**LEOPOLD CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**10:00 am**

**Meeting held outdoors**

**1493 297<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Woodward, IA**

**June 2, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE:** Doug Gronau, Gail Hickenbottom, Paul Lasley, Aaron Heley-Lehman, Keith Summerville, Alicia Rosburg, Marc Linderman.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** U. Sunday Tim, Jody Kerns, Erin Irish, Dennis Dahms, John Olthoff, Fred Janzen, Michael Naig, Dale Farnham.

**LEOPOLD CENTER STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Rasmussen.

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES:** CALS Dean Dan Robison.

**MEMBER SUBSTITUTES:** Kyle Ament for Ed Tormey, Iowa DNR. No appointed representative was present for the Agribusiness Association of Iowa.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fred Kirschenmann, Ann Robinson, Neil Hamilton, Maynard Hogberg, Jim Penney, Jennifer Steffen, John Sellers.

The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes for November 18, 2020 were presented with no comments or corrections.

Introduction of all meeting attendees was made including past members of the Leopold Center advisory board.

The financial report of the Center was presented by Director Rasmussen along with a project support summary. (see below).

The current advisory board membership was reviewed (see list). During this year of Center leadership transition, it was suggested that each board member renew their membership term or solicit their respective organizations for a new person to serve as a board member. This applies especially to those members who are already past their designated term of service.

The past advisory board members especially those in attendance at the meeting were recognized (see attached list). Each past board member present was invited to make comments.

Director Rasmussen provided a Leopold Center update and announced his retirement from the Leopold Center and Iowa State University effective June 30, 2021. A brief history of his term as Director since June of 2012 was provided. He made comments and reflections regarding his time and tenure at the Leopold Center. He is currently reviewing, sorting and organizing Leopold Center paperwork and designating those materials that are to be sent to the ISU Archives for preservation. A copy of this archives report (still in progress) is appended to these minutes. Rasmussen will complete the paper archival work and transfer of electronic files before his June 30<sup>th</sup> departure. He is currently familiarizing the new Interim Director on the location and identity of these Center records.

CALS Dean Robison then provided information regarding leadership transition plans at the Leopold Center. Dean Robison announced that effective July 1, 2021, Stephen Dinsmore would be named interim Director of the Leopold Center for a one-year term. Dr. Dinsmore is currently serving as the Department Chair for the ISU Natural Resources and Environmental Management department (NREM). Dean Robison reviewed Dr. Dinsmore's credentials, education and experience. When asked why appoint an interim Director at this time, Dean Robison attributed his decision to a currently busy recruitment and replacement schedule for other positions in the college, budget uncertainty, and the time required to conduct a full search. Upon further questioning, Dean Robison reiterated his strong commitment to carrying out the mission of the Leopold Center at ISU citing his own academic experience with Aldo Leopold and his writings.

Dean Robison described additional plans for the transition of the Center leadership. He recognized and has accepted the availability of Director Rasmussen's (who will be on emeritus status) availability to help with the transition after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Following Dean Robison's comments, current board members and others offered their comments about the Center and congratulations to Director Rasmussen on his retirement. Paul Lasley's retirement from ISU and the Leopold Center effective June 30, 2021 was also noted. Comments and congratulations to Paul were made by those present.

Additional public comments were called for. None were raised.

Seeing no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Lunch was catered by "Whatcha Smoking" of Luther, Iowa.

Editor: Mark Rasmussen

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Leopold Center Financial Update, As of April 30, 2021

Leopold Center Foundation Accounts

|                    | Investment<br>Balance | Cash<br>Balance |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Spencer Account    | \$65,793              | \$7,741         |
| Shivvers Account   | \$34,394              | \$3,765         |
| Leopold General    | \$0                   | \$25,812        |
| Friends of Leopold | \$131,854             | \$35,084        |
| Leopold Endowment  | \$6,151,551           | \$296,556       |
| Totals             | \$6,383,592           | \$368,958       |

Cash Balance Projection

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| April Unrestricted Cash Balance          | \$357,452   |
| Encumbrances (Actual in FY21 Only)       | (\$35,948)  |
| Estimated Balance Available Unrestricted | \$321,505   |
| Encumbrances Pending Commitment          | (\$241,600) |
| Projected remainder                      | \$79,905    |

Operational Expenses

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Past 12 months    | \$9,109 |
| Average per month | \$759   |

Big expenses related to annual report preparation, printing and mailing

| Project of Event  | \$ Amount | Fiscal Year | Sponsor | Research |  |  |  |         |                                |
|---|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|--|--|--|---------|--------------------------------|
| GPSA (2) - LCSA/GPSA  | 10,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| GPSA (3) - LCSA/COD/GPSA (Used from FY2020 d/t unspent)       | 0         | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| GPSA (4) - LCSA/CALS/GPSA                                     | 21,600    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Wallace Chair Program   | 20,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| GPSA (1) - Summer payment for 2 students                      | 3,345     | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  | 227,330 | Researches                     |
| Jackie Comito - Iowa Learning Farm (Water Rock)               | 30,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Swanner, Elizabeth (Geology Dept. - Carbonate)                | 2,773     | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Petrich, Jacob - Water Quality (2021-3)                       | 30,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Nair, Ajay - WiFi Weather Sensors (2021-5)                    | 4,000     | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Petrich, Jacob - Chemistry Undergrad Students (2021-6)        | 4,000     | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Soil Health & Aroma - Koziel 2021-7                           | 21,612    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| UNI-Tallgrass Prairie - Jackson 2021-8                        | 5,000     | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Maize Sustainability - Archontoulis 2021-9 (Yr. 1 of 4)       | 50,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Conservation Barriers - Comito 2021-11                        | 25,000    | 2021        |         | X        |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Sponsored a Half page ad, Agronomy Club Magazine              | 1,600     | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Iowa Public Radio (2021-4)                                    | 10,000    | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Prairie Rivers of Iowa RC&D - Wild and Scenic Film Festival   | 500       | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  | 26,681  | Sponsorships                   |
| Stephanie Clark - Creamery Cheese Making                      | 4,000     | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Iowa Water Conference: Building Resilience for Water & People | 500       | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Prairie Rivers of Iowa RC&D (2021-10)                         | 10,000    | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
| Grace German Honors Poster                                    | 81        | 2021        | X       |          |  |  |  |         |                                |
|   |           |             |         |          |  |  |  | 254,011 | FY21 Funded (as of 04/30/2021) |

# Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Board – 2021

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Leopold Center Advisory Board Members, As of 6/2021

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>F Name</b> | <b>Org Rep</b> | <b>Service Years</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Asell           | Lyle          | DNR            | 1999-2009            |
| Beckman         | Doug          | IFB            | 2004-2007            |
| Berg            | Virginia      | UNI            | 1987-1992            |
| Bindner         | Linda         | SoilCC         | 1987-1994            |
| Blackmer        | Alfred        | ISU            | 1987-1989            |
| Brandes         | Russell       | SoilCC         | 2005-2008            |
| Burmeister      | Leon          | UI             | 1988-2002            |
| Colletti        | Joe           | ISU            | 2010-2012            |
| Combs           | James         | DNR            | 1987-1992            |
| Contant         | Cheryl        | UI             | 1987-1989            |
| Curry-Roper     | Janel         | Central Coll.  | 1989-1991            |
| Dahms           | Dennis        | UNI            | 2013-present         |
| Danskin - White | Shirley       | IDALS          | 1988-1997            |
| Deegan          | John          | UNI            | 1987-1989            |
| DeWitt          | Jerry         | ISU            | 1987-1996            |
| Donham          | Kelley        | UI             | 87, 94, 03-08        |
| Durkee          | Lenore        | Grinnell       | 1995-1999            |
| Ehm             | William       | DNR            | 2009-2017            |
| Enshayan        | Kamyar        | UNI            | 2013-2015            |
| Farnham         | Dale          | SoilCC         | 2013-present         |
| Fogarty         | Thomas        | UNI            | 1997-2007            |
| Friberg         | Dan           | Agribusiness   | 2010-2014            |
| Gannon          | Kathleen      | Indep. Coll.   | 1999-2001            |
| Greig           | Connie        | Farmer         | 1999-2003            |
| Gronau          | Doug          | IFB            | 2008-present         |
| Hamilton        | Neil          | Drake          | 1987-2007            |
| Heley-Lehman    | Aaron         | IFU            | 2006-present         |
| Hickenbottom    | Gail          | PFI            | 2015-present         |
| Hogberg         | Maynard       | ISU            | 2007-2015            |
| Howell          | Stephen       | ISU            | 2000-2006            |
| Irish           | Erin          | UI             | 2004-present         |
| Jackson         | Laura         | UNI            | 2003-2012            |
| Jamison         | Wes           | Dordt          | 2003, 2013           |
| Janzen          | Fred          | ISU            | 2018-2020            |
| Johnson         | Jay           | IDALS          | 2012-2013            |
| Johnson         | Kurt          | IFB            | 1995-2000            |
| Johnson         | Patricia      | Luther Coll.   | 1990-1993            |
| Jutz            | Susan         | PFI            | 2009-2015            |
| Kerns           | Jody          | SoilCC         | 2015-present         |
| Kling           | Catherine     | ISU            | 2014-2018            |
| Krob            | David         | Farmer         | 1994-1996            |
| Lasley          | Paul          | ISU            | 2006-present         |
| Lindemann       | Bonnie        | St Ambrose     | 1993-1995            |
| Linderman       | Marc          | UI             | 2014-present         |

|             |           |              |              |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Lubben      | David     | PFI          | 1994-1996    |
| Malanson    | George    | UI           | 2010-2014    |
| Mickelson   | Steven    | ISU          | 2012-2015    |
| Miller      | John      | SoilCC       | 1987-1993    |
| Mugge       | Paul      | PFI          | 1996-2008    |
| Naig        | Michael   | IDALS        | 2013-present |
| Olney       | Mary Jane | IDALS        | 1999-2006    |
| Olthoff     | John      | Dordt        | 2006-present |
| Paulin      | Don       | DNR          | 1992-1998    |
| Payne       | Jack      | ISU          | 2007-2010    |
| Pease       | Patrick   | UNI          | 2007-2012    |
| Penney      | Jim       | Agribusiness | 1996-2010    |
| Putmann     | Sally     | farmer       | 1995-1999    |
| Roberts     | Rebecca   | UI           | 1989-1993    |
| Rosburg     | Alicia    | UNI          | 2015-present |
| Sayre       | Robert    | UI           | 1993-2003    |
| Scanes      | Colin     | ISU          | 1997-2000    |
| Sellers, Jr | John      | SoilCC       | 2009-2012    |
| Shirley     | Marvin    | IFU          | 1995-2005    |
| Steffen     | Jennifer  | SoilCC       | 2003-2015    |
| Stockdale   | Jerry     | UNI          | 1989-1997    |
| Struve      | Craig     | Agribusiness | 1995-2003    |
| Summerville | Keith     | Drake        | 2008-present |
| Sweets      | Laura     | ISU          | 1987-1990    |
| Tim         | U. Sunday | ISU          | 2016-present |
| Tormey      | Ed        | DNR          | 2019-present |
| Trenkle     | Allen     | ISU          | 1989-2007    |
| Valvick     | Arlyn     | IFB          | 2000-2003    |
| Whitson     | Paul      | UNI          | 1992-2002    |
| Williams    | David     | Farmer       | 1992-2002    |
| Wills       | Maury     | IDALS        | 2007-2012    |
| Wintersteen | Wendy     | ISU          | 1990-2006    |



**LCSA Inventory to ISU Archives.**

Ongoing and in progress

3 boxes of audio-visual material, recording etc.

1 box of LCSA annual reports, 1988-2020.

1 box of LCSA quarterly newsletters, Summer 1989 to Summer 2017.

1 box of research summary booklets, Center external review material and older strategic plans.

1 box of LCSA news releases, 1988-2015; past meeting and conference proceedings.

Material still in preparation for archives:

- LCSA news clippings

- LCSA informational bulletins

- LCSA Issue team reports

- LCSA funded grant summaries

- Articles and papers authored by past LCSA Directors.

**LCSA Financial Records.**

10 boxes of Center financial records from 2011 to 2020 moved to Curtiss Hall basement. Following state 10 year retention rule.