

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 4, 2024, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Ray Armbrecht, Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: None

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the March 4, 2024 agenda.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To approve the March 4, 2024 agenda. (Carried 4-0 Pickar absent)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion: Carey/ Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Board meeting as presented. (Carried 4-0 Pickar absent)

Claims: Claims for \$5,171.43 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,440.26 that were invoiced on February 14, 2024 were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$5,171.43 and \$1,440.26. (Carried 4-0 Pickar absent)

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget & Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal

Look at FY24 remaining budget and approval of FY25 budget.

Motion: Carey/ Myrsiades

To adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$495,632.00 (Carried 4-0 Pickar absent)

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

TPNC Pavilion/shelter

Update on grants

TPNC Displays – New façade/face

Tanks were to have shipped on Tuesday February 20, 2024 still have not shipped.

AED Device at TPNC

We have received the grant check. A new AED has been ordered and installed in the same place the old one was.

SCI Grant

Crayne is waiting on one pellet gun and 2 bullet traps.

Fall Conference 2024

Next planning meeting is March 27, 2024

School of the Wild

Is now going to be held spring of 2025

AL seasonal Update

6 seasonal sites have been assigned.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No Comments on anything to be added to future agendas.

Crayne Report

Cleaned NC; fed animals and filled feeders; Put out trail cameras; Theisen's to look at pellet guns; Winter Tree ID program; FCCC meeting; purchased program supplies; hosted District II meeting; prep for homes programs; Homes programs; School of the Wild meeting; Painted TPNC basement.

Ciavarelli Report

Brush mowed NC prairie; updated spring burn list; Cleaned TPNC; hosted district II meeting; Brush mowed Nelson; cut dead trees at Chickasaw and Haus parks; burned brush piles; Brush mowed North side of AL.

VanDriel Report

Cleaned TPNC; Hosted District II meeting; Cut dead trees at Chickasaw and Haus parks; burned brush piles; Sharpened and cleaned saws;

Meetings this month

Chad - Region 1 Water Class – March 6,2024 in Manchester

Chad, Caleb, Justin – Invasive Species Conference – March 14-15, 2024 - Altoona

All employees – Hunter ED – March 16, 2024 – Fredericksburg Gun Club

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Carey/ Myrsiades

To adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (Carried 4-0 Pickar absent)

*Chad Humpal
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Mission Statement: The Mission of Chickasaw County Conservation is to enhance, promote, protect, preserve and reclaim Chickasaw County natural resources for the benefit, enjoyment & education of all Chickasaw County residents and visitors.