

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 4, 2022 at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Ray Armbrecht, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne, Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: None

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the agenda as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Board meeting after changing the claims to \$8437.06 added \$92.40 from Jendro. (Carried unanimously)

Election of Officers

Current Officers: Chair – Armbrecht
 Vice Chair – Carey
 Secretary - Myrsiades

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To appoint Armbrecht as Chair, Carey as Vice Chair and Myrsiades as Secretary of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board for the Calendar year 2022. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal

The Supervisors have set the budget for Fiscal Year 2023 at \$430,000. Humpal went over the line items that were reduced to set the budget at \$430,000. There is money available from the County Betterment fund, but they did not set an amount for this. They want to discuss this with us. There were not any decisions made at this meeting.

Nature Center Bear/Bison Display

Robin Macomber, Whimsical Touch DP will start on the Nature Center Bear/Bison project January 10, 2022. Staff will remove the displays that will be in the way.

Red Power Lease Agreement

Red Power has presented a lease proposal for a Farmall 75A tractor. They need a signature on the proposal and they will prepare the lease agreement. The lease will run from March 1 to November 30, 2022 at a cost of \$2,500.00 for 250 hours.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the proposed lease agreement for a Farmall 75A from New Hampton Red Power. (Carried unanimously)

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021

The fiscal year 2021 Annual Report has been completed.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual report and submit a copy to the Board of Supervisors.

Bypass Basin Master Plan

Moore and Humpal met with Craig Ritland and Mark Kuiper to discuss the proposed Master Plan for Bypass Basin Refuge. They want input from us. Discussion on area plan. Board will think things over and put more of a final plan together at the February meeting.

Natural Resources and Parks Manager Position

We had three applications. Humpal will try to set interviews on January 19th or 18th with all three applicants. Pickar, Allison, and staff to be present at the interviews. Armbrecht to be alternate if Pickar/Allison is unable to make interview.

Continuing Projects

Nothing new at this point.

Ciavarelli Report

Set fire rings and numbered posts at Airport Lake; Took pesticide applicator tests and passed; Harassment training class on-line; Mowed areas with brush cutter; Put snow plow on truck; Checked parks for storm damage; Hydro seeding reports; Picked up sticks and cut up trees in parks

Crayne Report

Cleaned up trees at Twin Ponds east side; Cedar Vale program; NE Iowa Naturalist's meeting at Wartburg College; Worked on newsletter; Cleaned Nature Center bathrooms

Meetings this Month:

- All employees- District Meeting at Mitchell CCB on January 19, 2022
- Winterfest workshop January 25-27, 2022 in Coralville
- Soil & Water Conservation District meeting January 5, 2022

Crayne – REAP Congress at the Capitol January 8, 2022

Claims: Claims for \$6,766.11 were presented for review.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$6,766.11. (Carried unanimously)

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

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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.