

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 2, 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, Justin VanDriel. Guests present: None

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the agenda as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Board meetings.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Board meetings as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims:

Claims from the April 4, 2022 meeting should be \$31,421.01 – needed to add \$.73 to Vern Laures Auto Center claim.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve claims for April 4, 2022 meeting for the amount of \$31,421.01. (Carried unanimously)

Claims for \$2857.07 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2465.89 that were invoiced on 4-15-2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$2857.07 and \$2465.89. (Carried unanimously)

Approve Conservation Aide Hire

Humpal has hired Tyler Sassmann, Fredericksburg, to serve as Conservation Aide for the summer of 2022. He will begin work on May 16, 2022.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve the hire of Tyler Sassmann as Conservation Aide for the summer of 2022. He will work up to 560 hours for \$15.00/hour. (Carried unanimously)

Airport Lake Campground Development

Humpal went over Supervisors meeting from April 11, 2022 and April 18, 2022.

On April 11, 2022 Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors – Consensus to allow Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation to set up a can and bottle collection at Chickasaw County campgrounds. FCCC is in the process of setting up these collection areas and is hoping to have them done in the next couple weeks. Selling firewood was also discussed and it was decided to not proceed with selling firewood at this time.

On April 18, Board of Supervisors – Allocated \$60,000 to be used as 60% match funding for the Destination Iowa Grant, for Development of Campgrounds.

Discussion on the Destination Iowa Grant. Along with the \$60,000 from the BOS Humpal informed the Board that Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation had pledged an additional \$3,000 towards the grant application.

Discussion on the proposed development of Airport Lake and Split Rock parks followed. Humpal provide estimates on the 12 camping sites to be updated with sewer and 12' x 20' concrete patios, making them usable as extended stay camping sites. As well as the cabin design and layouts for the campgrounds. 2 cabins are suggested to be installed at Airport and 1 at Split Rock. Humpal explained that these developments would use all of the grant money that he currently had the 60% match for.

Humpal asked the Board if they would like to pledge a set amount of money to go towards the grant applications and allow for him to seek money to expand the project to include an ADA compliant fishing dock.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To pledge up to 60% match and not to exceed \$10,000 of our fiscal 2022 - 2023 fiscal year budget to apply for funding through the Destination Iowa Grant opportunity for the proposed projects at the county parks. (Carried unanimously)

Steel Building at the Heritage Residence

At the April 18, 2022 Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Meeting, The Board of Supervisors agreed to let CCCB have a 10' x 20' steel building that was used to house old paint/chemicals. The building is sitting at the Heritage Residence and we will need to move.

Consensus from the Conservation Board to go ahead and move the building to the Nature Center and place it were the staff thinks it will work the best.

Remaining Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Humpal went over the remaining 2022 budget. Rock for area drives, taxidermy work, office furniture, fuel, janitorial supplies and steel for the pump house at Split Rock were all discussed. Humpal expressed concern that a large amount of road rock hauled to Airport Lake would put him over the \$2500 spending limit policy.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To purchase 10 loads of road rock for Airport Lake Park. (Carried unanimously)

Fall Conference Registration

The ICCS Fall Conference registration site is open. Dates are September 13 – 15 in Dubuque.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

Bypass Basin Master Plan

Ritland and Kuiper have submitted the final plan of the area. No questions on the final drawing at this time.

Nature Center Bear/Bison Display

On April 11 2022, Board of Supervisors – consensus that I did not need to solicit bids for the mural of the ceiling as long as the Conservation Board approved the estimate.

I have contacted Robin and told her to put us on the list. She will be in contact when it fits into her schedule.

Timber Stand Improvement

Guys have moved on to summer workload. I am going to take this off the agenda until we come back to it.

Haus Park Vortex Weir

I have sent emails to the DNR and have yet to hear back.

Discuss Roof on Pump House at Split Rock

Consensus of the board to order the steel for the roof and get it installed.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed

Crayne Report

Clean bee display, Hunter Ed Hours, Hearing Test, NH 1st grade program, renewed NASP Certification, Fed Animals, cleaned TPNC, prepped for programs, Fred Elem program, Homes Programs, Twin Creek Taxidermy, Cleaned animal and fish tanks, NH middle school PBL Class

Ciavarelli Report

Picked up sticks and trash in parks, LRTF grant, hearing test, Removed culvert filled and graded drive AL, Put restrooms and pump houses together, Turned on water to campgrounds and opened, Looked at seasonal sites and cabins for AL, Removed fence and looked at building at Heritage Residence, Cleaned bathrooms AL & SR, Campground Duty.

VanDriel Report

Mowed ditch TPNC, made tree cookies for TPNC, Picked up sticks and trash in parks, Graded Dike AL, Removed culvert filled and graded drive AL, Put restrooms and pump houses together, Turned on water to campgrounds and opened, Looked at seasonal sites and cabins for AL, Removed fence and looked at building at Heritage Residence, Cleaned bathrooms AL & SR, Disked food plots

Meetings this month

Humpal – Wapsi River water samples May 2 & May 16, 2022

Crayne, Humpal – At this time, Several field trips to Twin Ponds
- FCCC May 2, 2022
- Bremer CCB Field Day May 10, 2022

Ciavarelli, VanDriel – District 2 Meeting May 18, 2022
- HUNTER ED MAY 7, 2022

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Pickar
To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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.