

# *Chickasaw County Conservation Board*

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 6, 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:** Pickar/Myrsiades

To approve the agenda as presented. (Carried unanimously)

**Minutes:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Board meetings.

**Motion:** Carey/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, Board meetings as presented. (Carried unanimously)

## **Airport Lake Campground Development**

Humpal went over the final numbers for the Destination Iowa Grant. The Grant application was submitted on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Humpal has not heard anything on the status of the grant applications.

Discussion on whether to pursue ARPA funding from the Board of Supervisors for park improvements.

Consensus to have Humpal Talk to the Board of Supervisors.

## **Remaining Budget for Fiscal Year 2022**

Humpal went over the remaining 2022 budget.

Discuss budget and possible payment of Bypass Basin master plan (Ritland and Kuiper invoice for \$5,500) being paid for out of regular conservation funds instead of REAP money.

**Motion:** Carey/Allison

To amend the motions made on October 4, 2021 and November 1, 2021 to utilize Conservation department funds in lieu of REAP funds for the development of a master plan of Bypass Basin. (Carried unanimously)

Discuss setting a special meeting around June 20, 2022 to approve final claims. Humpal will keep board posted on whether a special meeting is needed.

**Camera System for Twin Ponds Nature Center, Airport Lake and Split Rock Park**

The Request for Quotes for a new camera system for the Twin Ponds Nature Center, Airport Lake Park and Split Rock Park were sent out to 4 different companies.

Quotes received: One quote was received from Barker Communications and Security, LLC for the amount of:

Twin Ponds:	\$16,866.98
Airport Lake:	\$6,336.51
Split Rock:	\$3,396.51

**Motion:** Pickar/

To accept the quote of Barker Communications and Security, LLC for \$ 6,336.51 to install a new surveillance camera system at the Airport Lake Park. (Motion died for lack of second)

**Motion:** Carey/Allison

To accept the quote of Barker Communications and Security, LLC for \$ 16,866.98 to install a new surveillance camera system at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

Board tabled the bids for Airport Lake Park and Split Rock Park. They will look at them again at the July 6, 2022 meeting.

**Claims:** Claims for \$27,202.61 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,458.00 that were invoiced on May 12, 2022 were presented for review.

**Motion:** Allison/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$27,202.61 and \$2,458.00. (Carried unanimously)

**Summit Carbon Solutions Easement Proposal**

Discussion on what the next steps are to approve the easement. Consensus to have Humpal talk with the Board of Supervisors on who will receive the payment for the Easement.

**Chickasaw Park Signage**

Concerned neighbor would like us to add additional dogs on leash signs to park. Discussion that there are several signs up in the park to inform park goers to keep dogs on a leash and another one is not needed at this time.

**Board Tour Dates**

Board tour was set for July 20, at 4:00

**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

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

Materials have been ordered for the roof; staff will install when they get time.

Steel Building at the Heritage residents

We are getting the pad leveled and have been in contact with Secondary Roads to help us get it moved. We'll move as soon as it works for both of our schedules.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed

Crayne Report

NHMS PBL Class; several field trips with New Hampton, Fredericksburg, and Nashua; prepped for programs; fed animal; cleaned fish tanks; cleaned TPNC; Bremer County Field day; Catholic Daughters program; Cleaned TPNC shelter after programs.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed Parks; worked on cabin numbers; Hunter ED training; checked water; assisted with school field trip; tuck pointed SR pump house; picked up hydro seeder mulch; Hydroseeded ditch; Picked up trash in parks; serviced mowers; Campground duty.

VanDriel Report

Mowed Parks; worked on cabin numbers; Hunter ED training; checked water; assisted with school field trip; tilled beaches and playgrounds; sprayed round-up and 2-4D in parks; Hydroseeded ditch; spread rock at AL; food plot work; Campground duty.

Meetings this month

Humpal – Wapsi River water samples June 6 & June 20, 2022

**Adjournment:** Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** Allison/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

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