

Chickasaw County Conservation Board
TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on July 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: Caleb Ciavarelli, Justin Van Driel. Guests: None.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

To approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$20,016.68 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,593.81 that were invoiced on June 16, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$20,016.68 and \$2,593.81. (Carried unanimously)

Fall Conference Registrations

Humpal told the Board registrations have been completed.

Board Tour Dates

Humpal reminded the board that the tour is set July 20, 2022 at 4:00.

August Meeting Date

Humpal informed the Board that he will be on vacation the last week of July. Board was ok with having the meeting at the scheduled time August 1, 2022.

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

Humpal informed the Board, that the Supervisors are looking at approving a \$7,000 budget amendment for the purchase of cameras. Discussion on purchasing camera system for AL and SR.

Consensus to table the discussion of camera system until the budget amendment is approved.

Summit Carbon Solutions Easement Proposal

Humpal presented a copy of the new easement agreement from Summit Carbon Solutions. A copy has also been given to the County Attorney. Discussion on approving the easement and forwarding it to the BOS for final signature.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To accept the Easement Agreement from Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC and to direct Director Humpal to present the agreement to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and to confirm money designation to Bypass Basin improvements. (Carried unanimously)

Chickasaw Park

Concerned neighbor called Chairman Armbrecht on June 20, 2022 with concerns of dogs running wild in the park. Another sign was ordered and has been installed at the park.

Discussion of ending camping at Chickasaw Park. Consensus that the Board is not interested in closing park to camping at this time.

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal informed the board that it looks like we will submit an application for the habitat stamp grant this coming November to peruse the purchase of the property.

Sean and Camille Hurst purchased the acreage that used to be part of the property. Wanted to know if he could purchase a couple acres to plant trees on around his property?

Consensus that the Board is not interested in selling off any of the property and that they do not even own the property at this time.

Waters Conservation Easement

Humpal informed the board, Melissa Lockwood called and had concerns about the Easement agreement.

Board was given copies of the agreement and will look it over and have more discussion at the August meeting.

Ash tree update

Discussion on the number of Ash trees in county parks and their removal. Discussion on the purchase of a stump grinder for the track loader. Staff is to get price of a stump grinder and present it to the Board at a later time.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Airport Lake Campground Development

Nothing to report at this time.

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

Haus Park Vortex Weir

I have not done anything additional since last meeting.

Discuss Roof on Pump House at Split Rock

Materials have been picked up; staff will install when they get time.

Steel Building at the Heritage residence

Pad is leveled and have been in contact with Secondary Roads. 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

Radio interview; cleaned bathrooms and nature center TPNC; fed animals; Wapsi water samples; newsletter; mowed east pond; picked up archery equipment; count camping money; picked up pallets; library program; homes programs; perp for ISU program; weeded butterfly garden.

Ciavarelli Report

Food plot work; mowed parks; mowed wildlife areas campground duty; worked on mowers; checked water; sickle bar mowed; cleaned fire rings; dumped garbage in parks; cut trees HW; filled camp hosts with supplies; picked up roadside seed; cleaned pit toilets.

VanDriel Report

Food plot work; sprayed parks and campgrounds; campground duty; Mowed wildlife areas; leveled pad for building; sickle bar mowing; cut trees HW; mowed trail Bypass; trimmed tree AL. put in sign at Chickasaw

Meetings this month

Humpal – Wapsi River water samples July 18, 2022

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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.