

Chickasaw County Conservation Board
TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 1, 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, Matt Crayne. Guests: None.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

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

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

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

Claims: Claims for \$8,214.28 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,991.12 that were invoiced on July 19, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$8,214.28 and \$1,991.12. (Carried unanimously)

Board Tour

All members were pleased with tour and no major discussion about tour.

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

Humpal informed the Board, that the Supervisors had approved \$7,500 budget amendment for the purchase of cameras. Discussion on purchasing camera system for AL and SR.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To accept the quote of Barker Communications and Security, LLC for \$ 9,733.02 to install a new surveillance camera system at Airport Lake Park and Split Rock Park. (Carried unanimously)

Summit Carbon Solutions Easement Proposal

The BOS has approved the easement agreement and has approved **RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-22.57** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR USE OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS, LLC WHEREAS, Chickasaw County entered into an easement agreement with Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC. Humpal has received the payment of \$86,000 and will deposit once the account has been set up.

Koenigsfeld Property

I presented the acquisition of the property to the local Pheasants Forever Chapter. They have pledged \$40,000 towards the project and would like to solicit monies from surrounding chapters as well as the state foundation. They would like to have a commitment from the conservation board showing support of the acquisition before they send out their letters to other chapters.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To allocate \$40,000 towards the Koenigsfeld land acquisition. The \$40,000 is to be paid for out of the Conservation land acquisition and development fund as well as the Conservation REAP fund. (Carried unanimously)

Stump Grinder

Discussion on the purchase of a stump grinder for the track loader. Board would like to see more information. Staff will present more at September meeting.

Summer Help

Tyler has found a new job and is moving on. His last day for the conservation board is July 29, 2022.

Motion: Carey / Pickar

To accept the resignation of Tyler Sassmann effective July 29, 2022. (Carried unanimously)

Heritage Building Items

The county departments have been allowed to look through the heritage property and ask the BOS for any items left. The staff has generated a list of items and has been approved by the BOS to remove them from the property.

September Meeting Date

Just a reminder September 5 is Labor Day and the meeting has been moved to the 7th.

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

Humpal Talked to Theresa Shay from the DNR and she thought the best option would be to add a second row to the weir. Staff to look into numbers on what it would cost to add a second row.

Roof on Pump House at Split Rock

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

Steel Building at the Heritage residents

Building was moved on July 8, 2022. On July 14, 2022 I was informed that the building belongs to the FMC Landfill. I have been in contact with Tyler and he is going to ask his board if they would like to sell the building and get a price. He is also looking for a new place to pick up hazardous waste as it looks like the BOS is going to sell the Heritage property. He thought we could use this in the negotiations for the building.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed

Crayne Report

Weeded butterfly garden, Fed Animals, Cleaned TPNC and outdoor restrooms at TPNC, count camping money, pick up trash AL, cleaned up limb TPNC Pick up animal food Nub's, kayaking program, homes program, plant and animal inventory Koenigsfeld property, fieldtrip TPNC, hauled items from Heritage, Libraries program.

Ciavarelli Report

Trash pick-up Chickasaw, mowed parks, fixed tire on mower, cut branches off fire breaks, cleaned fire rings, fixed mower deck, dropped truck off at Vern Laues and at Rick's tire, weekend duty, worked on specs for trailer, board tour.

VanDriel Report

Tilled beaches, mowed Bypass Basin and worked on proposed drive. fixed fence Saude, moved building from Heritage, Campground duty, worked on mower deck, mowed Koenigsfeld, round-up AL, Board tour.

Meetings this month

Humpal – Director's Association meeting at Des Moines August 24 – 26, 2022

- Wapsi River samples August 15, 2022

All employees – District II meeting at Winneshiek August 11, 2022

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:21 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.