

Chickasaw County Conservation Board
TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 7, 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 August 1, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion: Pickar/Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$13,329.06 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$6,004.32 that were invoiced on August 17, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$13,329.06 and \$6,004.32. (Carried unanimously)

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal gave an update on how the local funding was coming and that the plan is still to submit for the November Habitat Stamp Grant.

Stump Grinder

Discussion on the purchase of a stump grinder for the track loader. Board had a couple questions on specs. Staff will present more at October meeting.

Purchase of new Burning safety clothing

Caleb was awarded an Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant to purchase new PPE for burning. Total purchase is for \$2,457.00, grant 80% - \$1,965.60, our share 20% - \$491.40

Motion: Pickar/Myrsiades

To authorize Ray Armbrecht to sign the certification for the LRTF Grant Agreement No.90-19-LR23-205 to purchase Prescribed fire equipment/PPE. The total for the grant agreement is \$2,457.00. (Carried unanimously)

Tile Line Split Rock/Ryan Korporal

Humpal gave info on tile line at the Southeast end of Split Rock Park and established a route for Ryan Korporal's new tile line.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Airport Lake Campground Development

Humpal has been in contact with Maicie Pohlman from Destination Iowa and it doesn't sound like we will qualify for any funding. At the September 6, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, they approved \$60,000 out of the County Betterment Fund to proceed with the sewer and camping pad expansion. Humpal presented bids specs to the board. Consensus of the Conservation Board to let the specs so we can open the bids at the October 1, 2022 meeting

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 residence

Humpal talked with Christian Fox Director of the landfill and they are going to wait and see what happens with the sale of the Heritage building. Board is not interested in purchasing the building.

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

I have been in contact with Barker Communication and they are hoping to start installation of TPNC anytime. They will order the cameras for AL & SR once they receive the first payment.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed

Crayne Report

Worked on fishing poles; counted camping money; fishing program; IAN meeting; Hunter ED; Canoeing and kayaking with scouts; swept and cleaned TPNC; Archery program; Feed animals; Kayak float with Plainfield; Trash pick-up AL and SR; Fletched arrows; wrote homes program; Homes programs; Office; Halloween Hike meeting; Teacher programs and handed out.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed fire breaks; Mowed Parks; Checked Water; Cleaned up after storm damage; Serviced mowers; Cleaned fire rings and dumped trash; Campground duty; Checked food plots; Roadside webinar; removed tree at Jenn Timber; Created fall work list.

VanDriel Report

Sprayed Parks; Mowed Parks; Dumped trash; cleaned fire rings; Hunter Ed Class; Campground Duty; Storm Clean up; Checked Water; Marked trees in parks to be removed; Graded drive AL; sickle bar mowed.

Meetings this month

- Humpal – Department Head Meeting September 1, 2022
 - Black Hawk Gaming Funding Meeting September 7, 2022
 - Wapsi River samples September 19, 2022
 - Heartland Risk Pool in Tama County September 22, 2022
- Matt - Northeast Iowa Naturalist Meeting September 1, 2022
 - Upper Wapsi Water Shed Meeting at TPNC September 13, 2022
- All employees – Hunter ED September 8 & 10, 2022
 - District II meeting at Worth county September 21, 2022
 - Fall Conference Dubuque County September 13-17, 2022

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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.