

Chickasaw County Conservation Board
TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 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: 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: Pickar/Myrsiades

To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$9,588.31 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,131.57 that were invoiced on October 13, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$9,588.31 and \$3,131.57. (Carried unanimously)

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal gave an update on how the local funding was coming. The plan is to submit for habitat stamp grant this coming November, 2022. That Grant needs the CCCB to pass a resolution saying it plans to move forward with the acquisition of the property.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

To adopt the resolution below and to authorize Director Humpal to sign the Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund Grant Application for the Koenigsfeld property acquisition.

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Conservation Board is interested in acquiring and/or developing wildlife habitat by means of the above-named project, AND Wildlife Habitat Stamp funds are required for the project, NOW THEREFORE, the Chickasaw County Conservation Board does hereby make application for assistance, AND further agrees to abide by all the covenants of Section 110.3, Code of Iowa 1981, and Chapter 23 (290), Iowa Administrative

Code, AND further certifies this resolution was officially adopted by the Chickasaw County Conservation Board at a legal meeting held on the 7 day of November, in the year 2022.
(Carried unanimously)

Airport Lake Campground Development

Humpal gave update on the Board of Supervisors and the bids for the project. As well as the progress of the project.

Mick Gage started the install on October 17, 2022 and completed the sewer installation on October 21, 2022.

At the October 24, 2022 BOS meeting The Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to award the contract to Jerry Tank Masonry per the recommendation of the Conservation Board. I contacted Tank Masonry after the meeting to let him know that we are to proceed with the project next spring as soon as the weather permits.

Campground Procedures and Pricing for 2023 season

Discussion on camping rates and procedures for the next camping season. Humpal informed the board on several decisions that will have to be decided over the next couple months. The staff is to put more numbers together for the board to look at.

- Camping day rates
- Seasonal rates
- Gift Cards – Consensus of the Board to allow the selling of camping gift cards.
- Seasonal camper procedures (contract)
- Online registrations – Board is in favor of continuing the discussion of having some sites reservable online. Humpal will keep the board updated as he works on the possibility of online reservations.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

Haus Park Vortex Weir

I have not done anything additional since last meeting.

Steel Building at the Heritage residents

The landfill has picked the building up and moved it. It is no longer our problem.

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

They have started installation at TPNC, AL and SR. They are waiting on the rest of the cameras to come in to finish the project. Should be done soon.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Myrsiades would like to have Goodale Conservation Area, Wapsi Access Area and North Wapsi Access Area put on the December agenda for further discussion.

Crayne Report

Clean TPNC; Field trip Nashua; Worked on Halloween Hike; Radio interview; Program Prep; Homes Programs; Cedar Vale Program; put out hike flyers; Rockford Field Trip NP 2nd grade; ISU Ext. Training; Cleaned outside restrooms TPNC; set up for the hike; Halloween Hike; Whispering Willows Program; NP monarch program; NASP NP 8 grade.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed Parks; Planted trees in parks; Posted Koenigsfeld; Checked campers; cleaned fire rings; LRTF Grant; Category 6 applicators training; Winterized campgrounds and bath house @ TPNC; worked on AL camp sites; unloaded Building for FMC landfill to pick up; Picked up trash in parks. Fixed fire rings; graded holes SR campground; Put new roof on bird blind TPNC; set flags to mark new camping pads AL.

VanDriel Report

Planted trees in parks; mowed parks; cleaned fire rings; Posted Koenigsfeld; mowed firebreaks; Job shadow; removed trees AL; Category 6 applicators training; Winterized campgrounds and bath house @ TPNC; worked on AL camp sites; unloaded Building for FMC landfill to pick up; Picked up trash in parks. Fixed fire rings; graded holes SR campground; Put new roof on bird blind TPNC; set flags to mark new camping pads AL.

Meetings this month

Humpal - CIC Pesticide training ISU Extension November 9, 2022

Crayne – Northeast Iowa Naturalist meeting November 29, 2022

VanDriel – CIC Pesticide training ISU Extension November 16, 2022

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

Chad Humpal

Director

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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.