

Chickasaw County Conservation Board
TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 5, 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. Guests: None.

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Alison/Myrsiades
To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey
To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$10,229.36 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,087.99 that were invoiced on November 9, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Pickar
To approve claims for the amount of \$10,229.36 and \$1,087.99. (Carried unanimously)

Budget

FY24 budget was discussed and worked on.

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal informed the board that the grant was submitted on November 22, 2022.

Goodale Conservation Area, Wapsi Access Area, North Wapsi Access area

Discussion on the conservation areas. Board would like Goodale parking area signage cleaned up in the spring and to have the staff look at the river access to North Wapsi Access to see if they could open it up a bit more.

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. More discussion next month.

- Day rates
- Seasonal rates
- Set date for seasonal campers to submit application
- Set date for seasonal lottery
- Seasonal camper procedures (contract)
- Online registrations – will lead to taking plastic payment as well as PayPal
- Wi-Fi

TPNC Displays – Painting Ceiling

Robin Macomber of Whimsical Touch DP – would like to start painting the ceiling mural December 19, 2022.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To spend up to \$7500 on ceiling mural at TPNC to be painted by Whimsical Touch.
(Carried unanimously)

Stump grinder Quotes

Bids received:

Bodensteiner – Diamond DSG026 - \$9,200.00
Mark's Tractor - Diamond DSG026 - \$9,177.00
Ziegler – Diamond stump grinder - \$17,400.00
Koshatka Farm Equipment – Edge SG50 - \$10,500
Bodensteiner – Erskine - \$7,850.00
AG Equipment Sales – Erskine - \$9,395.00

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To accept the bid from Bodensteiner for \$9,200.00 for the purchase of a stump grinder according to the specifications attached. (Carried unanimously).

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Airport Lake Campground Development

There will be no activity until spring. Jerry Tank Masonry has us in the list for first thing next spring.

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

Haus Park Vortex Weir

I have not done anything additional since last meeting.

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

Installation has been completed. We will have training on the system December 7 2022.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed

Crayne Report

Program prep; FCCC meeting; job shadow; fed animals and filled feeders; pulled dock HW; homes program Cedar Vale; cleared trail TPNC; newsletter; radio interview; Whispering Willows program; turkey program; cleaned TPNC; Set up basement for program; picked up tree frog; naturalist reports.

Ciavarelli Report

Pulled dock HW; Picked up supplies for signs and prepped for install; mowed LWWA; Graded drive AL; Put in new area signs; Dropped truck off for oil change; Fixed fence at Saude; ranger reports; hydroseeded; worked on aerator TPNC; cut trees HW, Saude, Sluggos and ETP; took tractor back; finished maps for hydroseeding.

VanDriel Report

Mowed off food plot @ Ringneck and Stolz; disc food plots; Graded drive HW and TP; graded drive AL; put in new area signs; cleared snow; pesticide class; cut trees HW, Saude, Sluggos and ETP; washed equipment; hydroseeded; cleaned up tractor and took back.

Meetings this month

None

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 8:43 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.