



Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 2, 2023 at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Ray Armbrecht, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: None. Guests: Kenna Seda.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the December 2, 2022, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$988.63 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$756.14 that were invoiced on November 9, 2022 were presented for review.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$988.63 and \$756.14. (Carried unanimously)

Election of Officers for 2023:

Current Officers: Chair – Armbrecht
Vice Chair – Carey
Secretary - Myrsiades

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To appoint Armbrecht as Chair, Carey as Vice-Chair and Myrsiades as Secretary of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board for Calendar Year 2023. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY23 remaining budget and discussions on FY24 budget.

ADA compliant dock for Airport Lake

Humpal has submitted grants to New Hampton Hotel/Motel for \$5,000 and Chickasaw County Community Foundation for \$10,000 to help fund this project. Total project cost will be around \$22,000.

Campground Procedures and Pricing for 2023 season

Discussion on camping rates and procedures for the next camping season.

- 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

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To Approve Airport Lake Seasonal Campsite Application form as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Red Power Lease Agreement

Red Power has presented a lease proposal for a Farmall 75A tractor. The lease will run from March 1 to November 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,500.00 for 250 hours.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve the proposed lease agreement for a Farmall 75A from New Hampton Red Power subject to availability. (Carried unanimously)

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022

The fiscal year 2022 Annual Report has been completed.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual report and submit a copy to the Board of Supervisors. (Carried unanimously)

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

TPNC Displays – Painting Ceiling Mural

Robin Macomber of Whimsical Touch DP - is currently working on the mural. Project should be completed no later than the middle of January.

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

Haus Park Vortex Weir

I have not done anything additional since last meeting.

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal informed the board that the grant review committee will tour the property on January 11, 2023.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Myrsiades would like to discuss finding volunteers to open the Nature Center one or two times a month. We will put this on the February meeting agenda.

Crayne Report

Newsletter; office; programs prep; set up trail cameras; fed animals and filled bird feeders; picked up worms and animal feed; moved snow; homes program; working on setting up Hunter Ed Classes; cleared TP trails;

Ciavarelli Report

Ordered and picked up filter and parts to service equipment; changed compressor on TPNC aerator; Worked on camping numbers; took metal pile to Wilkens; emptied Chick and HW trash; moved snow; Serviced and washed mowers, gators and small tractor; Washed trucks; Cut trees AL; worked on skid loader; measured leachate.

VanDriel Report

Picked up filter and parts to service equipment; Worked on camping numbers; took metal pile to Wilkens; Cleaned shop; emptied Chick and HW trash; moved snow; Looked at wildlife areas; ordered stump grinder; Serviced and washed mowers, gators and small tractor; Washed trucks; Cut trees AL; worked on skid loader; measured leachate.

Meetings this month

Chad, Matt, Justin - Winterfest workshop January 24-26, 2022 in Coralville

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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.