



Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 6, 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: Matt Crayne and Justin VanDriel. Guests: None.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the January 2, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the January 2, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$14,410.80 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,204.14 that were invoiced on January 11, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$14,410.80 and \$3,204.14. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Look at FY23 remaining budget and discussions on FY24 budget.

Motion: Pickar/Myrsiades

To adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$475,000. (Carried unanimously)

Koenigsfeld Property

Update on grant process. Natural Resource Commission Meeting to be held February 9, 2023 to review the habitat grant recommendations.

ADA compliant dock for Airport Lake

Discussion about the grants and potential of adding a dock to Airport Lake Park.

Campground Procedures and Pricing for 2023 season

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

- Day rates
- Seasonal camper procedures (contract)

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To Approve Airport Lake Seasonal Campsite Lease agreement form and monthly rental application form as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To set Airport Lake Park Camping rates at \$20.00 for electric/water, \$25.00 for electric/water/sewer, all non-camping pad/non-electrical rates at \$12.00 and set the loop at \$100.00 per day. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Allison

To set Split Rock Park Camping rates at \$18.00 for electric and non-electrical rates at \$12.00. (Carried unanimously)

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022

The fiscal year 2022 Annual Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2023 and was adopted by the BOS.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

TPNC Displays – Painting Ceiling Mural

Robin Macomber of Whimsical Touch DP – Mural is complete. Discuss next display.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Discussion on a 20th Anniversary event for Twin Ponds Nature Center

Crayne Report

Cleaned NC; scheduled programs with teachers; media posts; filled feeders; fed animals; shoveled snow; trail camera video; Cedar Vale program; worked on Iponics system; Whispering Willows program; snowshoe program NP Winterfest; Winterfest; Ski program with NP 5th grade

Ciavarelli Report

Cut Trees SR; dropped skid off to get serviced; checked aerators; plowed snow; moved displays back after mural; took load to FMC landfill; checked Kestrel boxes; Shut gate HW and Saude; serviced and sharpened saws; cleaned office, copy room and bathroom; measured leachate; hung new soap dispenser; TSI work TPNC

VanDriel Report

Washed trucks and 8300; Cut Trees SR; dropped skid off to get serviced; checked aerators; plowed snow; moved displays back after mural; took load to FMC landfill; checked Kestrel boxes; Shut gate HW and Saude; serviced and sharpened saws; Winterfest

Meetings this month

Matt – NE IOWA Naturalist meeting February 17, 2023, at TPNC

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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.