

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 3, 2023 at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Ray Armbrecht, Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne and Justin VanDriel, Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: Chase Humpal.

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the April 3, 2023 agenda.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve the April 3, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$5125.68 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$771.60 that were invoiced on March 15, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$5,125.68 and \$771.60. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY23 remaining budget and discussion on FY24 budget.

Approve Conservation Aide Summer Hire

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve the hire of Marc Vorwald as Conservation Aide for the summer of 2023. To work from April 10, 2023, to September 15, 2023, at a wage of \$15.00/hour. (Carried unanimously)

Eagle Scout project

Chase Humpal presented his proposed eagle scout project to the Conservation Board for approval.

Motion: Allison / Myrsiades

To approve Chase Humpal's eagle scout project and to authorize Board Chairs signature.
(Carried unanimously)

Koenigsfeld Property

Update on grant process.

Airport Lake Seasonal Campsites

Consensus to allow the seasonal sites (20 - 30) to be rented at \$1,800 per site and the extended stay sites (10 – 19) to be rented on a first come first serve basis. Extended stay sites may be rented monthly with approval from the conservation staff.

Approve IRVM Five Year Plan

We are required to have an updated five-year plan on file with the state of Iowa.

Motion: Allison / Myrsiades

To approve the Chickasaw County Conservation Board IRVM five-year plan as presented. (Carried unanimously)

ADA Compliant dock at Airport Lake

We were awarded a \$10,000 Community Foundation Grant towards an ADA Dock at Airport Lake. I have also applied for First Citizens Charitable Foundation Grant. This will not be reviewed until June 2023.

Discuss the Potential Purchase of a new mow trailer

Discussion on the purchase of a new mow trailer. Staff will present bids at the May meeting for approval.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

Crayne Report

Radio Interview; program prep; NH 1st grade program; wrote homes program; Whispering Willows program; Bird house Gourd program; Cedar Vale program; Hunter Ed; Cleaned TPNC; Upper Wapsi Watershed meeting; Fed animals and filled feeders; Pulled trail cameras and posted video; Set up for NASP at SF; NASP at SF.

Ciavarelli Report

Replaced sign at Saude; put up Wood Duck boxes; picked up chemical for summer; replaced post on trial SR; fixed gates at wildlife areas; picked up stump grinder; ground stumps TPNC; pesticides applicators tests; IRVM plan; picked up grass seed; spread sand SR volleyball court; Hunter Ed; put burn units in gators; Fire field day training; burned AL; worked on camping envelopes.

VanDriel Report

Replaced sign at Saude; put up Wood Duck boxes; picked up chemical for summer; replaced post on trail SR; fixed gates at wildlife areas; picked up stump grinder; ground stumps TPNC; pesticides applicators tests; mowed food plots; spread sand SR volleyball court; Hunter Ed; cut brush Nelson and Fred; Fire field day training; burned AL.

Meetings this month

Chad -Heartland Rick Pool meeting April 14,2023, in Tama County
-Community Foundation Grant meeting April 19, 2023 New Hampton

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal
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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.