

# Chickasaw County Conservation Board

## TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 1, 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: none.

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

**Agenda:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the May 1, 2023 agenda.

**Motion:** Allison/Myrsiades

To approve the May 1, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

**Minutes:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2023, Board meeting.

**Motion:** Carey/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

**Claims:** Claims for \$8,778.88 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$5,395.95 that were invoiced on April 12, 2023 and Betterment Fund claims of \$34,549.57 were presented for review.

**Motion:** Carey/ Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$8,778.88, \$5,395.95 and \$34,549.57. (Carried unanimously)

### **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal**

Looked at FY23 remaining budget and discussion on FY24 budget.

### **Koenigsfeld Property**

Update on closing process

Update on Pre bid meeting with NRCS office April 28, on wetland and brush removal work.

**Motion:** Pickar/Allison

To approve final payment on the Koenigsfeld property of \$61,392.27. Of which \$24,708.00 will come out of 0005-22-0210-000-60000 Land Purchase and Development Fund and \$36,684.27 will come out of 0023-65-6000-000-60000 REAP Fund. (Carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Carey/ Myrsiades

To authorize Conservation Director Chad Humpal to sign the closing statement for the Koenigsfeld property. (Carried unanimously)

**Approve Purchase of a new mow trailer**

Look at bids for new mow trailer and approve purchase.

Quotes:

Cedar Valley Sales & Service - \$5,750 – H&H 82”x22’, 10K

Carbo Machine - \$6,035 – S&S 82”x22’, 10K

Terry’s Autobody and Trailer Sales LLC - \$6,100 – 83”x22’, 10K

**Motion:** Pickar/Allison

To accept the quote of **Cedar Valley Sales and Service** for **\$5,750** to acquire a 22-foot, 10,000 lb. Utility trailer. (Carried unanimously)

**DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TPNC set for September 10, 2023

Crayne gave update, he has a raptor program with SOAR set up as the main attraction.

TPNC Volunteers

Crayne gave update on using volunteers to opening the Nature Center on first Sunday of the month. They will start the first Sunday in May from 1:00 to 4:00.

**Discuss Future agenda Items**

Comments on Redoing the flag pole in front of the Nature Center before the September 10 celebration.

**Crayne Report**

NASP Fred Middle school; Fed animals and filled feeders; Burned LWVA and Joachim; prepped for and held wood burning program; Homes program Cedar Vale and Whispering Willows; Cleaned Ioponics tank; Picked up mulch for TPNC; installed new mounts in displays TPNC; NHMS End Mester program; Handed out trees with NRCS office.

**Ciavarelli Report**

Finished IRVM grant; dug and formed new fire ring pads; poured pads; washed trucks; Burned Joachim and LWVA; graded stump holes, backfilled around new fire rings and seeded AL; Graded and seeded AL; Washed out bathroom Al and SR; Planted trees at GWWA; Put AL and SR water systems and bathhouses together; Turned on water and set up chlorine AL and SR; Washed out bathroom AL and SR; dirt and rock work AL.

**VanDriel Report**

Worked with Tank on camping pads; dug and formed new fire ring pads; poured pads; washed trucks; Burned Joachim and LWVA; graded stump holes, backfilled around new fire rings and seeded AL; Graded and seeded AL; Got tree spade and tree planter ready; Planted trees at GWWA; Put AL and SR water systems and bathhouses together; fertilized food plots; dirt and rock work AL.

**Meetings this month**

Chad -Upper Wapsi Water Sample May 1,2023  
-Upper Wapsi Water Sample May 15,2023

**Adjournment:** Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** Myrsiades/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal  
Director  
Chickasaw County Conservation Board*

*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.*