

# Chickasaw County Conservation Board

## TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 5, 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: Justin VanDriel, Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: none.

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

**Agenda:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the June 5, 2023 agenda.

**Motion:** Carey/Allison

To approve the June 5, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

**Minutes:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2023, Board meeting.

**Motion:** Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

**Claims:** Claims for \$16,706.81 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,669.69 that were invoiced on May 15, 2023 were presented for review.

**Motion:** Pickar/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$16,706.81 and \$3,669.69. (Carried unanimously)

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

Looked at FY23 remaining budget and discussion on FY24 budget.

### **Koenigsfeld Property**

Humpal is hoping to close on June 6, 2023.

### **Approve Purchase of a new mow trailer**

We added 12” in length to the ramp of the trailer for an added cost of \$150.00. Would like a motion to approve that addition to the trailer.

**Motion:** Carey/Myrsiades

To accept the addition of \$150 to add 12” to the trailer ramp for the new trailer that is getting ordered from Cedar Valley Sales & Service - \$5,750 – H&H 82”x22’ trailer. Total to \$5,900 (Carried unanimously)

**Airport Lake Park Update**

Update on camping 2023 season

**Ackerson-Easterly Property**

Discussion on neighbor wanting trees cut out of fence line.

**Adolph Munson Park**

Discussion on Friends of Jacksonville doing some work on the property.

**Fall Conference 2023**

Info on who will be attending the Fall Conference.

**DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**AED Device at TPNC**

Need new battery and pads – The AED is no longer supported and we will need to look at purchasing a new one.

**TPNC Basement Repairs**

Nothing New at this Time

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

Any update

**TPNC Volunteers**

Discussion on using volunteers to opening the Nature Center on set weekends.

**Discuss Future agenda Items**

Set dates for Board tour in July

**Crayne Report**

Clean TPNC; radio interview; kayak program; N.H. K fieldtrip; NH 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip; NH 1<sup>st</sup> grade; fed animals and filled feeders; office; Bremer 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day; NH 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip; NH 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip; NP 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field trip; Catholic Daughters program; Cedar Vale program; Mowed TP and TP East; NH 7<sup>th</sup> grade Field trip; Nashua Hunter Ed Class.

**Ciavarelli Report**

Mowed Parks; Food plots at wildlife areas; looked at trailer to order; sawed brush at Joachim; installed boat ramp HW; graded drive AL; checked water AL; graded drive HW, boat ramp and ETP; set up for field trips; LRTF grant; camping money; put new rock on drive AL; sprayed AL and SR; cleaned fire rings in campgrounds; Campground duty; washed out pit toilets; dumped trash in parks.

**VanDriel Report**

Checked electrical posts AL & SR; Mowed trails; dropped trucks off for service; planted food plots; brush mowed Joachim; cut brush and willows Landfill; mowed parks; dumped trash in

parks; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip; campground duty; dirt work at landfill; sprayed round up parks; prepped tree spade and seed drill; tilled beaches.

**Meetings this month**

Chad -Upper Wapsi Water Sample June 6, 2023  
-Dept. Head Meeting June 14,2023  
- Wapsi water samples June 20, 2023

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

**Motion:** Allison/Pickar  
To adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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.*