

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on July 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: Matt Crayne, Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: none.

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

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

Motion: Allison/Carey

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

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$14,635.99 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,810.46 that were invoiced on June 15, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$14,635.99 and \$2,810.46. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY23 final budget and discussion on FY24 budget. Final camping revenue for FY23 was \$105,414.

Koenigsfeld Property

Humpal gave update on closing and work being done on final grant processes.

Discussion on naming the new property

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To name the Koenigsfeld land Acquisition **N.J. Koenigsfeld Wildlife Area**. (Carried unanimously)

Board Tour

Board Tour date set for August 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Flagpole

Discussion on purchasing a new flagpole for TPNC.

Fall Conference 2023

Discussion on who is attending Fall Conference.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Look into grants for a new AED

20th Anniversary of TPNC set for September 10, 2023

Discussion on event

Discuss Future agenda Items

Board will need to approve handbook changes in the near future.

Crayne Report

Cleaned TPNC; Upper Wapsi Water Shed meeting; Harassment training; go pro updates; trail cams; NP archery; count camping money; worked on Sunday volunteer list; filled feeders and fed animals; Cedar Vale program; whispering Willows program; Cedar float with Floyd; Picked up owl in Fred; Wapsi water samples; Weeded Butterfly garden.

Ciavarelli Report

Sprayed new tree planting GWA and TSI @ TPNC; counted camping money; ground stumps filled and seeded TPNC; Fixed tire on trailer; K-Feld pre work meeting; mowed parks; cleaned fire rings and dumped trash; mowed fire breaks; weekend campground duty; Picked up roadside seed;

VanDriel Report

Spray TSI @ TPNC; sprayed weeds Ringneck: ground stumps filled and seeded TPNC; K-Feld pre work meeting; fixed tire on mower; trimmed trees Munson; mowed trails @ Wapsi junction; removed flagpole and planter; worked on TSI @ TPNC; sprayed AL; Campground duty; cleaned fire rings; mowed Ringneck;

Meetings this month

Chad -Upper Wapsi Water Sample July 17, 2023
-Dept. Head Meeting July 5,2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison
To adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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.