

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 7, 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 and Justin VanDriel. Guests: Tom Myrsiades.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the August 7, 2023 agenda.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve the August 7, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

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

Motion: Pickar/Myrsiades

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

Claims: Claims for \$11,057.37 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,429.73 that were invoiced on July 13, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$11,057.37 and \$3,429.73. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY24 budget.

Purchase Policy

Reviewed purchase policy adopted by the Board of Superiors on July 24, 2023

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To Adopt the Purchase and Procurement Policy (Resolution 07-24-23-62) that the Board of Supervisors adopted on July 24, 2023. (Carried unanimously)

Board Tour

Board Tour Wednesday August 9, 2023

4:30 start TPNC

TPNC - look at TSI by pond

LWWA – food plot and proposed tree planting for spring

GWA – tree planting on west side of property

Koenigsfeld – wetland work and brush removal, discuss parking lots

Airport Lake – Look at seasonal and extended stay camping area

Ringneck Haven – food plot and native seeding for next spring

Joachim Prairie – Look at burn and brush removal

Johnny Walnut Seed

Jerico Wildlife Area

Saude Recreation Area

Sluggo’s Pond

Adolph Munson Park

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Ambrecht is going to get info on grant opportunity for new AED

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing New at this Time

20th Anniversary of TPNC set for September 10, 2023

flagpole and landscaping are done

went over worker assignments

TPNC Volunteers

Update on opening the Nature Center on set weekends.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Comments on anything to be added to future agendas.

Crayne Report

NH Library program, program prep, fed animals and filled feeders, AV library program, Newsletter, Hunter Ed, pulled weeds in Butterfly Garden, Mowed TP trails, NP Wellness program, GPS program, wrote homes programs, Cedar Vale program, Whispering Willows program, Anniversary info, Trash pickup AL and SR, Grant for Theisen’s

Ciavarelli Report

Hydro seeded, weekend duty, cleaned fire rings AL and SR, dumped trash HW and Chick, covered seeps at landfill, put new pump on sprayer, broke concrete off flagpole, fixed fence Munson, mowed parks, picked up limbs SR, poured concrete for flagpole, picked up brick and plant from Morris, installed landscaping TPNC, fixed chlorine pump SR, mowed firebreaks on wildlife areas

VanDriel Report

Cleaned out sprayer, dropped off supplies to campgrounds, sprayed round-up in parks, broke concrete off flagpole, fixed fence Munson, fixed fence Saude, weekend duty, graded drive Nelson, mowed brush Koenigsfeld, brush mower to Zeigler's, poured concrete for flagpole, picked up brick and plant from Morris, installed landscaping TPNC

Meetings this month

Chad -ISAC August 23 - 25, 2023
-Dept. Head Meeting, August 7, 2023

Matt – IAN August 9 - 11, 2023
- Halloween Hike Meeting August 23, 2023

All Employees- Hunter ED August 5-6, 2023
- District 2 Meeting August 11, 2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades
To adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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.