

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 5, 2023 at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Ray Armbrecht, Jim Allison, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne, Caleb Ciavarelli and Justin VanDriel. Guests: None.

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

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

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

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

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$10,182.42 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,781.69 that were invoiced on August 16, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$10,182.42 and \$3,781.69. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY24 budget.

Board Tour

Board Tour was Wednesday August 9, 2023 – Board was very happy with the way the areas looked.

Koenigsfeld

Discussion on signage for property.

Airport Lake Dock

Discussion on purchasing of Dock at Airport Lake. Staff will have bids for October meeting.

Airport Seasonal Sites

Discussion on setting up a contract for the current seasonal campers to sign. This will hold their spots for next season. Contracts will be put together and approved next month.

Fall Conference 2024

Fall Conference 2024 will be held in District 2 (Decorah). Discussion on potential involvement of the Board and Staff.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Looking at grants to replace

TPNC Basement Repairs

Nothing new at this time, removing from the list until more activity is required.

20th Anniversary of TPNC set for September 10, 2023

Went over worker assignments and area set up.

TPNC Volunteers

Update on opening the Nature Center on set weekends.

Discuss Future agenda Items

No Comments.

Crayne Report

Cleaned TPNC; Watered landscape; Hunter Ed: NH Library program; Float program; Weed Butterfly and Bird gardens; Fed animals and filled feeders; Float with Nashua volleyball teams; IAN; 20th Anniversary work; Whispering Willows Program; NE Iowa naturalist meeting; Program info to NH, Nashua and Fredericksburg schools.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed Areas; Hunter ED; Weekend Duty; Power washed deck; Board tour; fixed tire on mow trailer; watered landscape; Dumped trash in parks; worked on tree spade; Stained deck; filled supplies AL and SR; food plot work; sickled bar mowed areas; put new pressure tank in at AL.

VanDriel Report

Mowed parks; Hunter Ed; weekend Duty; mowed brush Koenigsfeld; Board Tour; Food plot work; mowed wildlife areas; cleaned fire rings AL and SR; Stained Decks; Removed old tree stand and cleaned up metal Koenigsfeld; Worked on lights AL bathroom.

Meetings this month

Chad -Heartland Risk Pool September 14, 2023
-Dept. Head Meeting, September 13, 2023
-Wapsi Water Sampling, September 18, 2023

All Employees- Hunter ED September 7 & 9, 2023
- Fall Conference September 19 - 21, 2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison
To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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.