

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 2, 2023 at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Ray Armbrecht, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne, Caleb Ciavarelli and Justin VanDriel. Guests: None, Absent: Lori Carey and Jim Allison

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the October 2, 2023 agenda.

Motion: Pickar/Myrsiades

To approve the October 2, 2023 agenda. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

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

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Claims: Claims for \$4,316.98 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,504.80 that were invoiced on September 14, 2023 and claims for \$2,748.00 that were paid for property taxes were presented for review.

Motion: Pickar/ Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$4,316.98, \$3,504.80 and \$2,748.00. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY24 budget. Humpal has asked Board of Supervisors for a \$8,202.00 budget amendment to cover the health insurance increase.

Koenigsfeld

Discussion on signage for property. Consensus to order the signs and get them installed.

Airport Seasonal Sites for 2024 season

Discussion and approval of 2024 seasonal contract

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the seasonal camping contracts for the 2024 camping season as presented.
(Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Airport Lake Dock

Bids for new dock at Airport Lake and approve purchase.

Quotes:

Cedar Lake EZ Dock (20' X 10' dock & 16' gangway) - \$19,547.00

Jim Frey Hatchery (16' X 16' dock & 8' gangway) - \$13,300.00

Schwig Outdoors LLC (24' X 10' dock & 8' gangway) - \$17,517.43

Motion: Pickar/ Myrsiades

To accept the quote of Schwig Outdoors LLC for \$19,177.93 to acquire a dock for Airport Lake. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Purchase of new Brush Puller for Skid loader

Caleb was awarded an Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant to purchase new Brush Puller. Total purchase is for \$4,200, grant 80% - \$3,000, our share 20% - \$1,200

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve Agreement No. 90-19-LR24-207 and to authorize Ray Armbrrecht (Conservation Board Chair) to sign the certification for the LRTF Grant Agreement No.90-19-LR24-207 to purchase Brush Puller. The total for the grant agreement is \$3,000. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Motion: Pickar/ Myrsiades

To accept the quote of Bodensteiner Implement for \$ 4,300.00 to acquire a Danuser Intimidator Brush/Tree Puller. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

Fall Conference 2024

We were awarded second place in Izaak Walton Leagues Habitat Improvement Awards for Counties under 20,000 population for 2023.

Board Term Expiration

Discussion on Mike Pickar term ending December 31, 2023

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Looking at grants to replace

20th Anniversary of TPNC set for September 10, 2023

Crayne presented final numbers on the event.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Humpal reported the Iowa Flood Center is looking for new sites to place their monitoring centers. He gave them a couple options to look at.

Crayne Report

Get ready for 20th celebration; radio interview; Hunter Ed; 20th event; moved IOPONICS system to Fred-school; Monarch larva work; Halloween hike script; Fed animals and filled feeders; worked on Dutch oven program info; NP 4th grade program; NH 8th graders to work on H. hike.

Ciavarelli Report

Get ready for 20th celebration; Camping revenue; Hunter Ed; cleaned fire rings; 20th celebration; posted Koenigsfeld, built parking lots and put in gates; campground duty; Fall conference; graded drive AL; worked on jetty for new dock; fixed aerator SR.

VanDriel Report

Get ready for 20th celebration; Hunter Ed; cleaned fire rings; sprayed Koenigsfeld brush; 20th celebration; posted Koenigsfeld, built parking lots and put in gates; campground duty; Fall conference; worked on jetty for new dock; fixed aerator SR.

Meetings this month

- Chad -Leadership Summit, October 3-4, 2023
- Roadside conference October 5-6, 2023
- Wapsi Water Sampling, October 16, 2023

Matt and Chad- My county parks E Summit, October 18,2023

All Employees- District 2 meeting October 25, 2023
-REAP, October 24, 2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. (Carried 3-0 Carey, Allison Absent)

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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.