

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 6, 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, and Justin VanDriel. Guests: None

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the November 6, 2023 agenda.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve the November 6, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$36,411.53 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,988.35 that were invoiced on October 12, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$36,411.53 and \$2,988.35. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget & Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY23/24 budget. Set budget work session date of December 4, 2023 at 6:00 before the next board meeting to work on budget.

Airport Lake Dock

Dock is in and looks great. We added another anchor pole and bumper to the purchase so need to update the motion to include added cost to the project.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the additional amount of \$356.60 to the dock purchase price, for a total purchase price of \$19,534.53 from Schwig Outdoors. (Carried unanimously)

Purchase of new Brush Puller for Skid loader

Board had the opportunity to look at the new brush puller and was pleased with purchase.

Areas Video

The board viewed promotional video that was purchased from the Friends of Chickasaw County group.

Handbook

Motion: Allison/Myrsiades

To approve the handbook that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2023. (Carried unanimously)

Nature Center Displays

Discussion on updating the aquariums at TPNC

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Humpal has filled out grant. Grants will be reviewed at the end of December 2023.

Discuss Future agenda Items

Discussion on replacing the shelter in front of the Nature Center.

Crayne Report

NH 6th grade FT; filled feeders and fed animals; Mowed TPNC; Farm safety day in Nashua; swept and cleaned TPNC; prep for Halloween Hike; Cut trees on trail; Halloween Hike TPNC, Butler and Bremer County; program prep; worked on fishing poles; Fred Pre-K program; District 2 meeting; fletched arrows.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed parks; dumped trash and cleaned fire rings; IRVM conference; Campground duty; Poured concrete on jetty; fixed boundary sign Joachim; closed bath house TPNC; Winterized AL campgrounds; put up signs for K-Feld; put in new dock AL; District 2 meeting; mowed fire breaks in wildlife areas; graded drive AL.

VanDriel Report

Worked on jetty for dock AL; 6th grade fishing program; campground clean up; IRVM Conference; Poured concrete on jetty; Sprayed planting at Ringneck; mowed parks; fixed boundary sign Joachim; closed bath house TPNC; cleaned park from storm damage; Winterized SR and AL campgrounds; put up signs for K-Feld; put in new dock AL; District 2 meeting.

Meetings this month

Matt - IAN, November 1 – 3, 2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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.