

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 4, 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. Guests: None

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the December 4, 2023 agenda.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the December 4, 2023 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$6,444.23 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,061.76 that were invoiced on November 9, 2023 were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$6,444.23 and \$2,061.76. (Carried unanimously)

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

Looked at FY23/24 budget. Set budget work session date of January 2, 2023 at 6:00 before the next board meeting to work on budget.

Update on Eagle Scout Project at Bypass

Project is complete

Update on work scheduled for Munson

New Roof on general store is complete as well as the new windows and siding on the school.

Credit Card Policy

Consensus to get a second card for staff to use.

Annual Report

Annual report was handed out. Board will review and approve at the January meeting.

January Meeting

January meeting was set for the 2nd.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AED Device at TPNC

Grant was applied for and we are waiting to see if we are awarded the grant

Discuss Future agenda Items

No comments on anything to be added to future agendas.

Crayne Report

Fledged arrows; cleaned TPNC; Fed animals and filled feeders; Linn Haven program; IAN meeting; Worked on tanks and design for new animals' display; Picked up trash AL and SR; Mowed TP; wrote homes program; Cedar Vale program; Whispering Willows program; pre-K program; Hydro seeded; shoveled snow.

Ciavarelli Report

Finished sidewalk on new dock; mowed fire breaks in wildlife areas; mowed parks for last time; pesticides refresher; harassment training; fixed gates at North Wapsi and Wapsi Fjord; cut up tree at Jenn Timber; removed dock HW; Hydroseeded; Winterized 2 small spray tanks; put plow on one ton; cleaned tractor and returned to Case IH.

VanDriel Report

Box bladed park drives; Finished sidewalk on new dock; mowed parks for last time; pesticides refresher; harassment training; fixed gates at North Wapsi and Wapsi Fjord; cut up tree at Jenn Timber; Removed dock HW; Hydroseeded; Winterized 2 small spray tanks; put plow on one ton; cleaned tractor and returned to Case IH.

Meetings this month

Chad & Matt - Black Hawk Gaming Grant, December 6, 2023

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

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Director

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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.