

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 1, 2024, 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, Justin VanDriel, Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: Chase Humpal

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the April 1, 2024 agenda.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the April 1, 2024 agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Allison

To approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$7,983.95 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$752.64 that were invoiced on March 14, 2024 were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$7,983.95 and \$752.64. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget & Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY24 remaining budget and discussions on FY25 budget.

Chase Humpal's Eagle Scout Project

Chase presented his final project to the board.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

to approve and authorize board chair to sign Chase Humpal's Eagle Scout project of an Informational kiosk located at TPNC. (Carried unanimously)

TPNC Pavilion/shelter

Discussion on timeline of project and discussed the bid specs for the concrete pad of the new shelter. Consensus to move forward with the project and let the concrete bid. Bids will be open at the May meeting

Munson Park

Discussion on limestone carving that sits outside the school house. Board discussed an inside display with the Secondary Roads Department. Consensus to move forward with the display if Secondary Roads is in agreement.

New shop/storage building

Humpal presented plans for a new Shop/storage building. Project may be funded through TIF. Consensus to move forward with plans as presented.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Summer Help

At this time, we have no applications.

TPNC Displays – New façade/face

Staff looking at purchasing tanks through a different vender.

SCI Grant

Pellet guns and targets are in just waiting to get pellets in as well.

Fall Conference 2024

Next planning meeting is April 24, 2024

Discuss Future agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

Crayne Report

Filled feeder and fed animals; went through freezers and inventoried animals for permits; Library program; NASP SF middle school; NH 1st grade program; homes programs; Fledged arrows; Hunter Ed; Zoom meeting for NAI; Cleaned up things from Hunter ED and put away.

Ciavarelli Report

Ground stumps filled holes and seeded in parks; Cut out dead branches and trimmed up tree in parks; ordered and picked up chemical and seed for spring; Mowed brush SR; opened gated to parks; replaced lights in Bathhouse AL; dirt work and gravel around camping pads AL; worked on Seed drill; drilled native seed TPNC and Ringneck; mowed off food plots; Invasive Species Conference; Meeting at Sweet Marsh to work with DNR on burns; Hunter Ed.

VanDriel Report

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Meetings this month

Chad - Community Foundation Event – April 16, 2024 New Hampton
- 2024 Fall Conference – April 24, 2024 in Winneshiek

Matt – NAI – April 3-5, 2024 – Pottawattamie County

All employees – Hunter ED Refresher – April 10, 2024 – TPNC

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal
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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.