



# Chickasaw County Conservation Board

## TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 1, 2024, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Ray Armbrecht, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Caleb Ciavarelli, Justin Van Driel, Matt Crayne. Guests: None.

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

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

**Motion:** Myrsiades/Carey

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

**Minutes:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2024, Board meeting.

**Motion:** Pickar/Allison

To approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

**Claims:** Claims for \$22,168.02 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$4,280.95 that were invoiced on July 17, 2024 were presented for review.

**Motion:** Carey/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$22,168.02 and \$4,280.95. (Carried unanimously)

### **Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal**

Looked at FY25 budget.

### **Update on TIF**

### **TPNC Pavilion/shelter Update**

### **TP Timber Management Plan**

Matt Crayne and Mason Hubrig have been working on a timber management plan for Twin Ponds. Plan will include a couple clear-cut areas of 3 to 5 acres. Consensus from board to proceed with the development of the management plan.

**Board Tour**

Discussion from the tour on July 23, 2024. Board looked at the Howards Woods Shelter and is discussing what the next steps for the shelter might be.

**September meeting Date**

Consensus to move the September meeting date to Tuesday the September 3, 2024.

**DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Discuss Future agenda Items**

No Comments

**Crayne Report**

NP archery; cleaned NC; owl program; fed animals and filled feeders; newsletter; count camping money; fishing poles; painted school Munson; Rockford program; prep for library program; radio interview; library program; homes programs; tiled around shelter; surveyed timber TP; weeded butterfly garden; cleaned snake tanks.

**Ciavarelli Report**

Mowed parks; Dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; cleaned up tree HW; serviced mowers and sharpened blades; cleaned pit toilets and TPNC bathhouse; fixed flat tire on mower; picked up tractor from Red Power; painted School Munson; reset boat dock HW; Weekend duty; hydroseeded natives in road ditches; sprayed brush Wildlife areas; mowed firebreaks.

**Van Driel Report**

Mowed parks; Dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; tilled beaches and playgrounds; Sprayed parks; Sprayed food plots; painted school @ Munson; reset dock HW; Mowed brush and tree plantings; hydroseeded natives in road ditches; sprayed brush wildlife areas; Weekend duty.

**Meetings this month**

- Chad - Wapsi Watershed Sampling – August 19, 2024
- ISCA – August 21 - 23, 2024

Matt, Justin Caleb - Hunter Ed August 2 & 3, 2024

ALL – District 2 meeting - August 20, 2024

**Adjournment:** Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** Carey/Myrsiades

To adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal*

*Director*

*Chickasaw County Conservation Board*

*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.*