



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, 2024, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: 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 October 2, 2024, agenda.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the October 2, 2024, agenda. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the September 3, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion: Myrsiades/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, Board meeting as presented. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Claims: Claims for \$8,057.13 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$4,884.91 that were invoiced on September 11, 2024, were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$8,057.13 and \$4,884.91. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY25 budget.

AED

Discussion on old AED. Tina has it, but thinks it would be better in a weatherproof box on the outside of the bath house.

Consensus of the board to purchase a weatherproof box for the north side of the shower house at Airport Lake Park

Approve 2025 seasonal camping Lease

Need to approve 2025 camping lease.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

To Approve Airport Lake 2025 Seasonal Campsite Application/Lease form as presented. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Purchase of new Forestry Mulcher for Skid loader

Caleb was awarded an Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant to purchase new Forestry Mulcher. Total purchase is for \$32,500, grant 46% - \$15,000, our share 54% - \$17,500

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

to approve Agreement No. 90-19-LR25-205 and to authorize Ray Armbrrecht (Conservation Board Chair) to sign the certification for the LRTF Grant Agreement No.90-19-LR25-205 to purchase Forestry Mulcher. The total for the grant agreement is \$15,000. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Looked at bids for Forestry Mulcher - Diamond ODS060 – 60” skid-steer Drum Mulcher OD

Pro:

- Diamond Mowers, LLC - \$28,971.00
- Bodensteiner Imp. - \$31,750.00
- Ziegler Cat - \$34,575.00

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To accept the quote of Diamond Mowers, LLC for \$28,971.00 to acquire a Diamond ODS060 – 60” skid-steer Drum Mulcher OD Pro. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Discuss Board Members for Chickasaw Cedar Lake Improvement Council

Motion: Carey/Pickar

to Appoint Chad Humpal and Jim Allison as Board members to Chickasaw Cedar Lake Improvement Council. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

Board member term expiration

Ray Armbrrecht term ends – December 31, 2024 – Armbrrecht will not seek a fourth term and will step down December 31, 2024.

JoAnne Myrsiades – December 31, 2025

Jim Allison – December 31, 2026

Lori Carey – December 31, 2027

Mike Pickar– December 31, 2028

Discuss Annual Report for FY 2024

Copies of the report were handed out for the board to look over. Board will approve at the November meeting.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

No Comments

Crayne Report

Cleaned NC; fed animals and filled feeders; homes programs; Hunter Ed; cleaned up from Hunter ED; Checked Fire extinguishers; worked on Halloween Hike; Set up Ioponics in NHHS; painted over Graffiti in Chickasaw Bathroom; Water safety day in Nashua; Fall Conference float; Fall Conference; Worked with NH 8th graders for Hike; Prep for Dutch oven cook-off; cleaned Bee display.

Ciavarelli Report

Mowed parks; Dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; serviced mowers and sharpened blades; Weekend duty; sprayed brush Wildlife areas; fixed tire on mower; cut brush out of fire breaks; mowed new seeding at Ringneck; cleaned truck; Fall Conference; worked on food plot seed and ordered; worked on LRTF grant; got bids for mulcher head on skid; worked on animal tank display.

Van Driel Report

Mowed parks; Dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; Sprayed parks; Mowed brush; sprayed brush wildlife areas; Weekend duty; truck to Vern's; mowed clover plot; cut brush out of fire breaks; trimmed trail SR; cut down tree at HW; Scout archery program; tilled and seeded drainage ditch Bypass; brush mow bypass; took skid in to get fixed; Fall Conference; worked on food plot seed and ordered; got bids for mulcher head on skid; worked on animal tank display.

Meetings this month

Chad - Wapsi Watershed Sampling – October 21, 2024

ALL – Safety training – October 9, 2024 Road shop
– District 2 meeting – October 22, 2024 – Floyd

Matt, Chad – Timber Harvest Meeting – October 23, 2024 Twin Ponds Nature Center

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. (Carried – 4 – 0, Allison - Absent)

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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.