

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 4, 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: Justin Van Driel, Matt Crayne. Guests: Shane Fountain.

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

Agenda: Armbrecht asked for approval of the November 4, 2024, agenda.

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve the November 4, 2024, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Armbrecht asked for approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion: Carey/Myrsiades

To approve the minutes of the October 2, 2024, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$37,956.38 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$6,478.59 that were invoiced on October 14, 2024, were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$37,956.38 and \$6,478.59. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal

Looked at FY25 budget.

Update on 2025 seasonal camping

8 have said yes and 3 have already paid deposit. 9 others on the waiting list.

New Forestry Mulcher for Skid loader

Unit has been delivered

TPNC Displays

Update on tank display and looking for consensus on possible next steps for NC displays.

Consensus to allocate \$10,000 out of the TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER FUND 0050-22-6110-000-63875 towards new displays for the NC.

Approve Annual Report for FY 2024

The fiscal year 2024 Annual Report has been completed. Need to approve.

Motion: Myrsiades/Carey

To approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual report and submit a copy to the Board of Supervisors.
(Carried unanimously)

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

- Set Budget session for 5:30, before the next board meeting in December.
- Myrsiades commented that the entrance sign to TP is in rough shape.

Crayne Report

NH 6th grade field trip; worked on animal tank display; cleaned bee display; program prep; NH 2nd grade field trip; wetland plant survey for engineer; training day; animals and feeders; swept and cleaned NC; worked on Halloween hike; set up for hike; Halloween Hike; wrote homes program; district 2 meeting. Homes programs; picked up supplies from town; NP survival program.

Ciavarelli Report

Worked on animal display; cut trees and cleared brush for wells at landfill; checked water and bathroom SR' dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; got tree spade ready for renter; weekend duty; replaced grill AL; safety training day; counted camping money; mowed fire breaks in wildlife areas; dropped mower off at Bodensteiner; winterized SR and AL poured extension on camp host pad SR at campground

Van Driel Report

Worked on animal display; cut trees and cleared brush for wells at landfill; checked water and bathroom SR' dumped garbage and cleaned fire rings; got tree spade ready for renter; weekend duty; replaced grill AL; safety training day; counted camping money; mowed fire breaks in wildlife areas; dropped mower off at Bodensteiner; winterized SR and AL poured extension on camp host pad SR at campground

Meetings this month

Chad & Matt - Friends meeting – November 4, 2024
Matt – IAN – November 6-8, 2024 Otter Creak Lake Park

Adjournment: Armbrecht asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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.