

# Chickasaw County Conservation Board

## TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 2, 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: none. Guests: Shane Fountain.

Armbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Agenda:** Armbrecht asked for approval of the December 2, 2024, agenda.

**Motion:** Pickar/Carey

To approve the December 2, 2024, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

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

**Motion:** Myrsiades/Allison

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

**Claims:** Claims for \$3,464.39 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$3,034.71 that were invoiced on November 12, 2024, were presented for review.

**Motion:** Carey/Myrsiades

To approve claims for the amount of \$3,464.39 and \$3,034.71. (Carried unanimously)

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

Looked at FY25 budget.

### **Munson Park Signage**

Discussion on installing informational signs.

Consensus to have Sternat Tree Service fell 4 trees at Munson and 1 at Saude Park

### **TPNC Displays**

Update on tank display and learning center display/grants.

### **Annual Report for FY 2024**

The fiscal year 2024 Annual Report has been presented to the Board of Supervisors.

### **Bypass Basin**

Consensus to moving parking lot and extending drive to gazebo.

**TP Timber Management Plan**

Would like to move forward with the seedling planting in the spring. Mason marked 100,000 board feet this past month.

Consensus to order 4000 seedlings. Price should be around \$4,500.

**DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Discuss Future agenda Items**

Board will need to elect officers at the January meeting

**Crayne Report**

NP orienteering; fire extinguishers; feeders and animals; signs for animal display; IAN; Cleaned TPNC; press release and scheduled program; homes program; turkey program; cleaned animal tanks.

**Ciavarelli Report**

Graded drive and ballfield Saude; Munson to look at trees to remove; road shop to get seeding maps; dumped trash; LRTF grant paperwork; checked areas for work; put picnic table together and dropped off at Bypass; mowed parks; cleaned fire rings; hydroseeded areas; LRTF paperwork and sent in; dug out wells at landfill; ordered parts for equipment.

**Van Driel Report**

Graded drive and ballfield Saude; put forestry mulcher on skid and washed; dumped trash; checked areas for work; put picnic table together and dropped off at Bypass; mowed parks; cleaned cattails off beach and boat ramp AL; hydroseeded areas; returned tractor to Red Power; winterized sprayers; worked on drive Bypass.

**Meetings this month**

Chad – Department Head meeting – December 9, 2024

Matt – Northeast Iowa Naturalist – December 11, 2024

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

**Motion:** Pickar/Myrsiades

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.*