

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 3, 2025, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, Shane Fountain and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne. Guests: None.

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

Agenda: Myrsiades asked for approval of the February 3, 2025, agenda.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the February 3, 2025, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Myrsiades asked for approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2025, Board meeting.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$13,026.53 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$641.91 that were invoiced on December 10, 2024, were presented for review.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve claims for the amount of \$13,026.33 and \$641.91. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget 2025 and budget work on FY 2026:

Look at FY25 remaining budget and budget work for FY26.

Eagle Scout project

Harper Humpal presented her proposed eagle scout project to the Conservation Board for approval.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve Harper Humpal's eagle scout project and to authorize Board Chairs signature. (Carried unanimously)

Summer Help

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

To approve Humpal to hire a summer aid position starting April 1, 2025 to September 12, 2025 at \$15.00 an Hour. (Carried unanimously)

REAP Member

Armbrecht was the Conservation Board’s REAP representative. We need to appoint a replacement.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To remove Ray Armbrecht from the REAP committee and appoint JoAnne Myrsiades to replace him. (Carried unanimously)

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

Crayne Report

Filled feeders and animals; moved root display; public program schedule; antler program; trimmed limbs of trail; Cleaned NC; Upper Wapsi meeting; district 2 meeting; Hunter Ed scheduling; NH 4th graders program; animals program St. Joe’s; kestrel boxes.

Ciavarelli Report

Maintenance on equipment; Checked Wood Duck boxes; burned brush piles; District 2 meeting; mowed brush TPNC; dropped off truck to Vern’s; spread rock on new drive Bypass; worked on Bee display; worked on aerator AL; Helped with landfill wells.

Van Driel Report

Maintenance on equipment; Checked Wood Duck boxes; burned brush piles; District 2 meeting; mowed brush TPNC; dropped off truck to Vern’s; spread rock on new drive Bypass; worked on Bee display; worked on aerator AL Helped with landfill wells.

Meetings this month

Chad, Justin & Caleb - Invasive species Conference – February 20-21, 2025

Matt - Northeast Iowa Naturalist meeting – February 14, 2025 at Hartman Reserve

Adjournment: Myrsiades asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allison/Fountain

To adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

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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.