



Chickasaw County Conservation Board TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 7, 2025, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Caleb Ciavarelli
Guests: None.

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

Agenda: Myrsiades asked for approval of the April 7, 2025, agenda.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve the April 7, 2025, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes: Myrsiades asked for approval of the minutes of the March 3, 2025, Board meeting.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$12,393.25 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,794.43 that were invoiced on March 10, 2025, were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$12,393.25 and \$1,794.43. (Carried unanimously)

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

Looked at FY25 remaining budget and budget work for FY26.

Volunteer help

Discuss options for volunteer work and adopt volunteer handbook

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To adopt the Chickasaw County Conservation Volunteer Handbook as of April 7, 2025 as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Allison

To adopt the Job description/agreement for volunteer mower as presented. (Carried unanimously)

TP Timber Management Plan

We will be picking up 4,000 seedlings on April 3, and plan to start planting on the 7th. Maison also has the timber sale ready to send out.

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve timber sale contract and have Maison Hubrig from the Iowa DNR send out for bid. (Carried unanimously)

The Iowa DNR has an Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program grant they have put together for the Iowa county Conservation Boards. The grant is for 80% cost share of \$100,000 forest projects in Iowa counties.

Consensus from the Board to proceed with the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

Myrsiades would like to move the monthly meeting times to start at 5:30

Employee Reports

Meetings this month

Adjournment: Myrsiades asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal
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<i>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.</i>
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