



## **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, 2025, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Justin VanDriel. Guests: None.

Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Agenda:**

#### **Motion:** Pickar/Carey

To approve the November 4, 2025, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

### **Minutes:**

#### **Motion:** Carey/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

### **Eagle Scout project**

Aiden Zeien presented his proposed eagle scout project to the Conservation Board for approval.

#### **Motion:** Carey/Pickar

To approve Aiden Zeien's proposed eagle scout project and to authorize Board Chairs signature. (Carried unanimously)

**Claims:** Claims for \$21,219.88 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,476.95 that were invoiced on October 13, 2025, were presented for review.

#### **Motion:** Carey/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$21,219.88 and \$2,476.95. (Carried unanimously)

### **Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:**

Look at FY26 budget

- Update on Camping pads for Airport Lake

### **Learning Center**

Consensus to move forward on learning center

**Approve purchase of Draw Alive System for learning center**

Have bid from Breeze Creative for the purchase of the Draw Alive System. This is to be purchased with \$5,000 from New Hampton Hotel/Motel and \$10,000 from Community Foundation Grant.

**Motion:** Carey/Pickar

to approve the proposal of Breeze Creative, for Draw Alive System purchase for \$15,768.00 and authorize Director's signature. (Carried unanimously)

**Online camping Registration for Campgrounds**

Discussion, but tabled to the December meeting in hopes of having a full Board for discussion and approval

**Campgrounds Pricing for 2026 season**

Discussion on camping rates for the next camping season, but tabled to the December meeting in hopes of having a full Board for discussion and approval

**DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Discuss Future agenda Items**

No Comments on future agenda items.

**Environmental Education Report**

**Maintenance Report**

**Meetings this month**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Pickar/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

*Chad Humpal*

*Director*

*Chickasaw County Conservation Board*

*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.*