



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.