

Chickasaw County Conservation Board TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 6, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Shane Fountain, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne, and Justin VanDriel. Guests: None.

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

Agenda:

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To approve the January 6, 2026, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes:

Motion: Allison/Fountain

To approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$13,075.50 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$2,821.87 that were invoiced on December 10, 2025, were presented for review.

Motion: Fountain/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$13,075.50 and \$2,821.87. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

Look at FY26 budget

Election of Officers for 2025:

Current Officers: Chair – Myrsiades
Vice Chair – Carey
Secretary - Pickar

Motion: Allison/Fountain

To appoint JoAnne Myrsiades as Chair, Lori Carey as Vice-Chair and Mike Pickar as Secretary of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board for Calendar Year 2026. (Carried unanimously)

Myrsiades continued meeting as chair.

Red Power Lease Agreement

Red Power has presented a lease proposal for a Farmall 75A tractor. They need a signature on the proposal and they will prepare the lease agreement. The lease will run from March 1 to November 30, 2026 at a cost of \$2,500.00 for 250 hours.

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

To approve the proposed lease agreement for the 2026 season for a Farmall 75A from New Hampton Red Power subject to availability. (Carried 3 – 0, Allison Abstain)

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget work session

Discussion and approval of FY26 budget.

Motion: Fountain/Pickar

To adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$495,492.00. (Carried unanimously)

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: Allison/ Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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.