



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, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Justin VanDriel. Guests: David Laudner.

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

Agenda:

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the February 3, 2026, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes:

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$6,132.73 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,153.80 that were invoiced on January 15, 2026, were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$6132.73 and \$1,153.80. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

Look at FY26 budget – discussed possible budget amendment

Discuss and approve employee’s compensation and payment schedule

Motion: Carey/Allison

To pay Conservation Director as FLSA fulltime exempt salary, and to pay Naturalist position as well as Natural resource/Park Managers positions an hourly rate. (Carried unanimously)

Open bids and approve bid for installation of Heat Pump for Twin Ponds Shop

Only one bid submitted

Quotes:

Mick Gage P & H: \$10,200

Geert’s P & H: no bid

Fredericksburg P & H: no bid

Mic’s P & H: no bid

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To accept the quote of Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating for \$10,200 to install a new Heat Pump for Twin Ponds Nature Center Shop. (Carried unanimously)

Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program

Approve Notice of award and Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and lower Tier Covered Transactions.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To adopt Notice of award letter from the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program for \$81,280 and approve Chair signature. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Allison

To adopt Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Lower Tier Covered Transactions and approve Chair signature. (Carried unanimously)

Wildlife Habitat Stamp Development Award

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve award from the Wildlife Habitat Stamp Development Grant for \$15,240. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget work session

Motion: Pickar/Allison

To adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$595,492. (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: Carey/ Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. (Carried unanimously)

Chad Humpal

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.