

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 3, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, JoAnne Myrsiades, Shane Fountain via zoom, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Justin VanDriel, Matt Crayne and Caleb Ciavarelli. Guests: None.

Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion: Carey/Allison

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

Minutes:

Motion: Allison/ Carey

To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Open bids and approve purchase of Animated Sandbox

Quotes:

Kids Jump Tech LLC: \$14,449.15

Breeze Creative: \$21,500.00

Motion: Carey/Allison

To accept the quote of Kids Jump Tech LLC for \$14,449.15 for the purchase of Animated sandbox were \$10,000 is to be paid out of fund 0050-22-6110-000-6375 Twin Ponds Nature Center Fund. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$26,283.76 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,431.01 that were invoiced on February 10, 2026, were presented for review.

Motion: Fountain/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$26,283.76 and \$1,431.01. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

Look at FY26 budget – discussed budget amendment

Discuss and approve purchase of 2026 truck

Motion: Carey/Allison

To accept the quote of Vern Laure’s Auto Center for \$ 44,971.50 to purchase 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab 147” Work Truck. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Fountain

To approve the transfer of the 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 truck to Department 51 General Services of Chickasaw County. (Carried unanimously)

Open bids and approve bid for tree planting at Gilmore Wapsi

Quotes:

Brown Forestry & Sawmill: No Bid

H & R Lawn Care LLC: No Bid

Miles Schulte: \$ 1.95 per seedling, Total \$17,062.50

Lucas Sission: No Bid

Triple Prairie Seeding: No Bid

Liebl Habitat Solutions: No Bid

Woodland Forestry LLC: No Bid

Greenbelt Restoration LLC: No Bid

Meyer Timber Services: \$ 2.30 per seedling, Total \$20,125.00

BAR M Forestry LLC: No Bid

Buffalo Land Management: No Bid

Hawkeye Farm Services: \$ 1.26 per seedling, Total \$11,025.00

Habitat on The Horizon: \$ 2.50 per seedling, Total \$21,875.00

Motion: Carey/Fountain

To accept the quote of Hawkeye Farm Services for \$ 1.26 per seedling, Total \$11,025.00 for Hardwood tree planting at Gilmore Wapsi Access (2090 Gilmore 250th St, Ionia). (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Allison/Carey

To accept the quote of Iowa State Forest Nursery for \$ 10,350 for 8750 hardwood trees and shrubs. (Carried unanimously)

Discuss and approve 2026 Campground policies and changes

With the on-line registration it will be difficult to continue to offer our Veterans and 7th day free camping.

Motion: Allison/Carey

To no longer provide discount for veterans and 7 consecutive days of camping, due to going to on-line registrations. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Fountain

To approve a no refund policy for on-line camping registrations. Upon EMERGENCY, a date change may be allowed ONE time only upon Director approval & can only be made by calling the Conservation Office at (641) 394-4714. Changes will not be allowed because of weather. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Allison/Carey

To approve a 2-night minimum on weekends and a 3-night minimum on all holidays for any online camping registration. (Carried unanimously)

Discuss and approve 2026 Airport Lake Park Groundskeeper

Motion: Fountain/Allison

To approve Tim Riley as 2026 Airport Lake Park Groundskeeper and approve Director to sign agreement with Tim. (Carried unanimously)

Discuss moving August meeting Date

Tabled to April meeting until all board members are present

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget work session

Discussion of FY27 budget.

Discussion on possible cold storage building and site location

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/Carey

To adjourn the meeting at 6:28 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.