

Chickasaw County Conservation Board TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 5, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Lori Carey, Shane Fountain, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: None Guests: None.

Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion: Pickar/Carey

To approve the May 5, 2026, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes:

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

To approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$17,143.04 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$1,105.48 that were invoiced on April 10, 2026, were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve claims for the amount of \$17,143.04 and \$1,105.48. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

Look at FY26 budget

Discussed purchase of 2026 truck

Approve wages for 2026 – 2027 FY:

Motion: Carey/Fountain

to approve the wages for the 2026-2027 Fiscal year starting July 1, 2026 for

- Chad Humpal \$1.50 or (\$3120) increase to \$80,167
- Matt Crayne \$1.50 increase to \$29.37 per hr.
- Caleb Ciavarelli \$1.50 increase to \$27.26 per hr.
- Justin VanDriel \$1.50 increase to \$27.26 per hr.

(Carried unanimously)

Approve location of new storage building and design

Discussion on building design, location and specifications for the project.

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

to approve the location of a new 60' x 120' x 16' cold storage building east of the public drive next to the road, as shown on map. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Pickar/Carey

to approve the design of a new 60' x 120' x 16' cold storage building with 3 -16' wide x 14' tall overhead doors and 2 walk-in doors on the west side of the building as presented in the drawing. (Carried unanimously)

Motion: Carey/Fountain

to approve bid specifications to be let for bid on building and earthwork for building as amended. (Carried unanimously)

Discuss Gilmore Wapsi wetland dike

UPDATE from Director on possible action in the future.

ADA Campsite at AL

Update on plan and start date. Consensus from the board to proceed with project.

Discussion on monthly rental rate for ADA site # 17.

Motion: Fountain/Pickar

to Approve Airport Lake ADA site #17 Campsite Lease agreement and monthly rental rate at \$650.00 per month. (Carried unanimously)

Set monthly camping rates for Airport Lake Campground

Motion: Carey/Pickar

to Approve Airport Lake monthly lease agreement and monthly rental rate at \$650.00 per month. (Carried unanimously)

Discussion on Airport Lake overflow

The overflow has a leak in the pipe and is draining the lake below normal levels. Board would like Director to have discussion with Board of Supervisors.

Discuss moving August meeting Date

Consensus to move the August 4th meeting to August 11, 2026.

Shelter rental and fees

Tabled to next month's meeting

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

No Comments

Environmental Education Report

Maintenance Report

Meetings this month

Adjournment:

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To adjourn the meeting at 7:58 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.