

Chickasaw County Conservation Board

TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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The Chickasaw County Conservation Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 2, 2026, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Members present: Jim Allison, Lori Carey, Shane Fountain, JoAnne Myrsiades, Mike Pickar, and Director Chad Humpal. Employees present: Matt Crayne and Caleb Ciavarelli, Guests: Aiden and Cheyanne Zeien

Myrsiades called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion: Allison/Pickar

To approve the June 2, 2026, agenda. (Carried unanimously)

Minutes:

Motion: Carey/Pickar

To approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, Board meeting as presented. (Carried unanimously)

Approve Aiden Zeien Eagle Scout project

Aiden Zeien presented his completed eagle scout project to the Conservation Board for approval.

Motion: Pickar/Carey

to approve Aiden Zeien's completed eagle scout project and to authorize Board Chairs signature. (Carried unanimously)

Claims: Claims for \$60,104.56 to be paid and claims in the amount of \$964.59 that were invoiced on May 11, 2026, were presented for review.

Motion: Carey/Allison

To approve claims for the amount of \$60,104.56 and \$964.59. (Carried unanimously)

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and 2027 budget:

Discussed both FY 26 and FY27 Budget

Discuss purchase of 2026 truck

update

New Cold Storage Building update

Bids are due June 5th at 10:00am and will be opened at the BOS meeting on June 8th.

Discuss Gilmore Wapsi tree planting

Consensus from the board to keep working with Hawkeye Farm Services on the tree planting at Gilmore and send payment for the original planting.

ADA Campsite at AL Update

Discussion on Airport Lake overflow

Have met a second time with DNR engineer and area Biologist and have a plan to plug the 8” intake and see if that is what is causing the leak.

Shelter rental and fees

Discussion on shelter rental and set fees for shelters. This can be incorporated into our online reservation system. TPNC, AL and SR.

Motion: Carey/Allison

to Approve shelter rental for Twin Ponds Nature Center Shelter at a rental rate of \$50.00 per day. (Carried unanimously)

2025 Fall Conference

Dates are September 15 – 17, 2026 in Linn County.

DISCUSS CONTINUING PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Discuss Future agenda Items

No Comments

Environmental Education Report

Maintenance Report

Meetings this month

Adjournment:

Motion: Pickar/Fountain

To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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.