

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held October 10, 2017 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Kathy Jordan
Holly Martin

Board Members absent:

Katy King

Staff present:

Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Rich Wallace (absent)

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for October 10, 2017, second by Martin. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2017, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end September was presented for review. Claims for mid-month October were presented for approval and payment. Explanations of expenditures were given by staff.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve all claims as submitted, second by Martin. Motion passed.

New Business included participation at the STEM Ag-Festival. Charly indicated to the Board that she would be participating on behalf of the Conservation Office for the upcoming STEM Ag-Festival to be held for PreK-5th graders on Saturday, November 4th at the Clarinda High School. This is an educational outreach program, similar to health fairs, Back to School Bash (held August 26th in Shenandoah). She would be purchasing freebie handouts (wildlife related articles) and have activity bags made up. The organizers are hoping for 300-350 participants. This is always good exposure for the Conservation staff to participate in.

Old Business included Back Country Horsemen Group work day at Pierce Creek, reminder of upcoming REAP Assembly and park updates.

The work day for trails at Pierce Creek is scheduled for November 4th. The group will be working on the east boundary building a trail and PCCB to maintain. We have received \$200 in grant funds from Back Country Horseman Group, it should be used or

will need to be returned. Suggestions at an earlier board meeting were to purchase fire rings. There are rings at the equestrian campground but grates are needed which run from \$156 upwards. Terry suggested a more economical way to provide the grates. There is a definite need for a security light at the campground, it was suggested to get estimates for the security light and apply for the ICAP grant.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to apply for the ICAP grant for the security light at the equestrian campground, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

Charly reminded those present of the upcoming REAP Assembly to be held at the Shenandoah Library on October 12th. The REAP report has been completed and we certified at .38 per levy. REAP checks to be forthcoming after all county conservation boards have completed their reports.

Park updates included work completed on the top shelter at Pioneer with welding of the lower support beams. (Photo included in minutes). At Pierce Creek work continues on the chemical storage building and electrical updates at the north campground in the bathrooms. Fisheries personnel indicated that on Monday, October 16, they will be setting nets at Rapp Park to check on the hybrid bass (wiper) stocking evaluation for the season. Staff applied for the chemical grant for vegetation control at Pierce Creek and was notified by Fisheries that they wouldn't be funding the chemical grants; however the District Fisheries staff would include chemical purchase on their management plans for next year.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was entered by common consent and motion passed. Meeting then adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: 11/14/2017

Chair 

Secretary 