

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held December 12, 2017 at the board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Kevin Christensen
Kathy Jordan
Holly Martin

Board Members absent:

Katy King

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles

Also present were Brad Sorenson and Larry Shum.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to accept and approve the agenda for December 12, 2017, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end November was presented for review. Claims for mid-month December 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 introduction of new board member, trail clearing discussion and budget discussion.

New Board Member Kevin Christensen introduced himself and provided his background information and his interest in conservation.

Brad Sorensen discussed with the board about the trail clearing at Pierce Creek. He submitted two bids; \$9,210.00 which would provide cutting and clearing a new trail making it 10 ft. wide with the removal of thorn trees that are close. Stumps would be removed with skid loader. This equals 6 – 10 hr. days (60 hours). 2nd option would be same work at 5 – 10 hr. (50 hours) days for a total of \$7,675.00. The Board and Co-

Director Wallace inquired about Sorensen also custom spraying the trails. Sorensen was asked to bring an estimate on the spraying to a board meeting next spring.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to send a letter to the Clarinda Youth Corporation asking for the \$9,210.00 to complete the trail maintenance as a safer option, and it would also expand scouting and other youth opportunities in the county. Martin indicated that she would send the request, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

Budget work for FY19 was then discussed. Wallace and Stevens went thru their preliminary budget estimates with the Board. Rich had obtained estimates to fix the roads at NVP, PC and Pioneer. A visit to Harrison County to see their stand-alone tornado shelter and cost projection was shared with the Board, a cost of approximately \$20,000 +/- . We still need to budget for a second new truck but we also need a safe storm structure at Rapp Park. Chemical costs to treat Pierce Creek and Rapp Park were also discussed with approximately \$1660; (County buys the chemicals and DNR does the application.)

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to continue to allow DNR to chemically treat those vegetation trouble areas at Pierce Creek and Rapp Park, second by Martin. Motion passed.

Other budgetary considerations included summer cleaning crew options, unemployment claim that was filed and misc. equipment needs.

Old Business included ICAP grant, park updates and signage on J14.

ICAP grant for security light at the Pierce Creek equestrian campground was applied for but the remaining funds available would not assist us in this project so the funds were declined and we will apply as soon as the application period is open.

Park updates included working on equipment and the removal of 70 stumps. ICAP's recommendations for a divider berm between the pistol and rifle range at Pierce Creek have been completed with fencing and signage.

Board member King requested some additional directional signage be installed but in her absence at this meeting the item was tabled waiting on clarification.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was entered by Jordan, second by Christensen. Motion passed.

APPROVED: 01/09/2018

Chair 

Board Secretary 