

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held January 10, 2017 at the Board's office in Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson  
Kathy Jordan  
Katy King  
Ron Bitting

Board Members absent:

Holly Martin

Staff present:

Rich Wallace  
Charly Stevens

Also in attendance were Terry Broyles, Larry Shum, Joyce Kruse and Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisor.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for January 10, 2017 as presented, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan, to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2016, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The pre-approved claims for end of December were presented for review. Claims for mid – January were presented for approval and payment. Explanations on expenditures were given by staff.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Bitting to approve all claims as submitted, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisor, then introduced Katy King. Katy was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Keith Meyer.

New Business items included Election of Officers, FY2017-18 budget discussion and park updates.

Election of Officers were then held, motion entered by Bitting to retain the current slate of officers with the exception of nominating King for the office of Board Secretary (due to Meyer's resignation), second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

Rich Wallace, Co-Director, requested that the 2017-18 budget be moved to the end of the agenda in order to allow for more of a lengthy discussion. The Board was in consensus to move that agenda item.

Park updates were then reviewed. Wallace indicated that there is a lot of park traffic, no current tree issues. The tile that had been replaced at Pioneer Park seems to be functioning. The park roads at Pioneer and Pierce both need work done on them. The pot holes are being filled in with gravel. The roads at Nodaway Valley Park also need some repair. The water project at Rapp Park is progressing; Crain Construction has ordered materials.

Joyce Kruse would like to send a letter to the Back Country Horsemen group asking for assistance on the trails at Pierce Creek. The letter should be sent by February 1<sup>st</sup>. This project would entail the timber area and trail loop at Pierce. Joyce indicated that she would write the letter and send it to Charly and/or Rich for approval before submittal to Back Country Horsemen group. The Board approved for Joyce to send the letter asking for volunteer assistance from the aforementioned group.

Rich discussed with the board the aquatic vegetation plan for Pierce Creek. It was treated last spring with an approximate cost of \$1,000. Rich indicated the option that we could purchase the chemicals, like we done last spring, and the DNR would apply the chemicals or the DNR would purchase and apply the chemicals. Dredging Pierce Creek is not a viable option due to cost or raising the water depth by 10 feet is not viable due to other factors.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to spend \$1,000 to purchase aquatic chemicals with the understanding that the DNR will apply chemicals to treat the lake at Pierce Creek, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

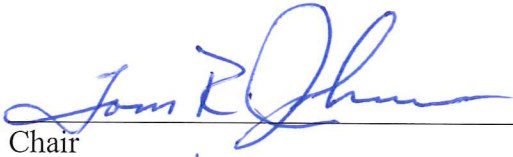
Budget discussion then followed per line item, vehicles and other equipment.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the budget as reviewed, with an additional budget needs list to submit, second by King. All in favor and motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to adjourn, second by King. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved 02/14/2017



Tom R. Johnson

Chair



Nancy Johnson

Board Secretary