

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held March 14, 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  
Holly Martin  
Katy King

Board Member absent:

Ron Bitting

Staff present

Rich Wallace  
Charly Stevens  
Terry Broyles

Others present included Dennis Tillman, Alan Armstrong, Randy Carlson and Joyce Kruse.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for March 14, 2017 as presented, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2017, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business included request from Alan Armstrong, vehicle bids, park updates and budget hearing.

Alan Armstrong explained to the Board that he would like permission to hook up to the rural water line that is being installed at Rapp Park. He has property adjacent to the park and this would be the opportune time to get this done. He indicated that he would pay his monthly portion of the water bill to the PCCB. Board Chair expressed that this would be a win/win situation and Board Member Martin is comfortable with the installation as

long as it is being done with the contractor (Crain Construction) who is doing some of the installation at Rapp Park. Crain will bill Armstrong for the meter on his property.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to give permission to Armstrong to hook up to our water line providing he buys his own meter and works with Justin Walter (Crain Construction), second by King. All in favor and motion carried. Armstrong did ask if notification would be sent to Crain Construction on the Board's decision. Charly indicated that she would take care of that.

Rich distributed the 3 vehicle bids he has received to date. Dewey Ford - \$28,168.00, Sievers Ford - \$27,685.00 and Ram - \$27,545.00. Rich indicated that these are all crew cabs and ¾ ton trucks. Rich would prefer Sievers Ford bid as there is the ability to hook up a blade package for snow removal. If there is a difference in the remaining budget would like to also buy a small dump trailer.

Discussion amongst the Board was that a 4 door cab was needed and directed Rich to check on the additional cost. King indicated approval pending by Board of Supervisors on the purchase.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to ask the Board of Supervisors if we can spend remaining monies after the purchase of the truck to include the purchase of a dump trailer, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Park updates were then given. Rich and field crew are prepping for spring and taking down damaged trees. The Bow Club will be using Ross Park and work there has included trails, brush piles, rebuilding berms and filling in holes in the parking lot. Questions were asked about the trails at Nodaway Valley Park, in particular the trails on the west side. Rich indicated that they could be worked on but that area doesn't seem to dry out.

Old Business included Pierce Creek equestrian activities and discussion on free camping weekend proposal.

Kruse indicated that approval from Back Country Horseman group has been accepted to help clear trails in the timber area on April 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> at Pierce Creek. Kruse would like for Rich to be there but he did indicate that he would flag the proposed trail. Kruse also would like to schedule a trail poker ride on May 13<sup>th</sup> as well as a clinic/demonstration by Pat Fredrickson on horse handling/control. The clinic would be held in the arena area.

Kruse then inquired about signage; there are non-horse people in the equestrian area and she would like additional signage in front of the gate. Rich explained the regulations that the Board cannot allow exclusive use of a park by a group. She reiterated that she wants only horses in the horse campground. King wanted to know if letters could sent to

the “offenders”. Board Chair Johnson suggested that no changes be made at this time.

Kruse also wondered if a shelter house and grill could be installed at the north campground. Martin indicated that the grant application period begins April 3<sup>rd</sup> with due date of May 19 with the Clarinda Foundation and maybe match it with a grant thru the Kay Anderson Foundation.

Dennis Tillman brought the Board up to date on the gun range. He indicated that more gravel is needed at the range and the committee will pay for the gravel. He and Terry Broyles both left a donation of \$150.00 each towards the gravel project.

Board member King entertained a discussion for having a “free camping” weekend. She suggested having a weekend on each side of the county with activities geared for the whole family as a way to generate more people using the park. Revenue and other general problems with the free camping weekend were discussed. No action was taken.


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

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to adjourn, second by King. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

04/11/2017

  
Chair

  
Board Secretary