

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held April 11, 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:

Ron Bitting
Tom Johnson
Kathy Jordan
Holly Martin
Katy King

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Randal Carlson
Terry Broyles

Others present included Larry Shum and Joyce Kruse.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve the agenda for April 11, 2017 as presented, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for end of March were presented for review. Claims for mid-April 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 Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included extended stay camping, handicapped fishing access request at Rapp Park, request to allow more areas at Pierce Creek for deer hunting and vehicle bids.

Staff has received numerous requests from construction workers and other long term campers seeking an extended stay. The old policies (state code) stated a camping unit may not camp longer than a period of two weeks and then leave for 2 days and then after that time period could return. Our parks are small and receive lots of use, allowing extended stays sometimes up to six weeks, doesn't allow for the general public to use our parks.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to not allow extended stays due to size of our parks, and to revert back to original policy of 14 day rule, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

A request made by a fisherman to drive his rider mower to Rapp Park in order to fish on the shoreline and allow better handicapped access. Discussion followed in terms of liability and other issues.

MOTION: King entered a motion to not allow rider mowers to access Rapp Park shorelines, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

Don Adcock (lives one mile east of Pierce Creek) emailed a request to the Board to change the law to enable deer hunting throughout the entire Pierce Creek Recreation Area. He attached photos of deer herds he had seen. It was the consensus of the Board not to allow any changes in deer hunting at Pierce Creek.

Park updates then followed. Water at Rapp Park has been completed as of April 11, 2017. All bathrooms at county parks are open, water has been turned on and ongoing regular maintenance with tree trimming, mowing, etc. continues.

Specifications on a new truck were changed at the March board meeting from a 2 door to a 4 door cab. Wallace met with the previous vehicle bid contractors and got revised bids. Bids were reviewed as follows; Dewey Ford - \$29,303.12, Stew Hansen Dodge Ram - \$27,545.00 , Dewey Ford - \$28,168.00 and Stivers Ford – \$29,300.00. Wallace indicated that the towing package and snow plow attachment was the reason for going with the bid from Stivers Ford.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King to purchase the vehicle from Stivers Ford for \$29,300 to be paid from FY18 budget (July 1, 2017), second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried. On a side note, if there are remaining monies from the truck purchase, Martin commented that there are several grant opportunities to match monies to purchase a skid steer.

In other business, Charly indicated that the Corn Belt Horse Owners Association will again be offering a trail challenge/scavenger hunt at Pierce Creek scheduled for May 5 and 6th. A certificate of liability insurance has been requested.

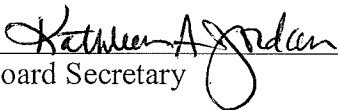
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting moved to adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King to adjourn, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

05/09/2017


Chair


Board Secretary