

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held May 9, 2017 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Tom Johnson.

In attendance were Tom Johnson and Kathy Jordan. No quorum available so follow up for approval on minutes and claims were conducted by telephone or email.

Staff present:

Rich Wallace

Charly Stevens

Terry Broyles

Visitors were Larry Shum and Heidi Carter.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for May 9, 2017 as presented, second by Martin (per email). Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2017, second by Martin (per email). Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for end of April were presented for review. Claims for mid-May were presented for approval and payment. Explanation on expenditures was given by staff.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve all claims as submitted, second by Bitting (per perusal of claims by email). Motion passed.

New Business included an update on the vehicle situation, Bur Oak sampling request, budget amendment and annual fishing derby.

The truck that was totaled in a storm will be replaced with a 1999 Dodge for \$9,100 from a Chrysler dealer in Red Oak. The purchase of this truck includes a snow blade attachment. The GMC has transmission trouble and is currently in the shop. The new truck to be purchased in July will replace the F250.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept the purchase price of \$9,100 using Conservation Reserve monies to acquire the 1999 Dodge from the dealership in Red Oak, second by Bitting (per perusal of claims). Motion passed.

Charly indicated that we've been asked if several research groups could investigate Lichens and sampling of Bur Oaks in the county parks. These are for scientific study so approval was given.

Budget amendment for monies received totaling \$99,086 has been requested. These monies are the grants for the water project at Rapp Park and gun range memberships/donations at Pierce Creek.

Charly indicated that the annual fishing derby will be held at Pioneer Park on Saturday, June 3rd. This is co-sponsored by the Shenandoah Optimist Club and the Conservation Board.

Old Business included park updates, and an equestrian grant request for \$200. The grant request will be added to the June agenda.

Rapp Park has seen an increase in usage since the water installation. The main road has been leveled then filled with chipped asphalt. Picnic tables in the campground and shelter houses are being painted at all parks. Ross Park archery backstops are being improved, timber stand improvement work and rock put on the roads. The gun range at Pierce Creek will be having an additional safety sign installed.

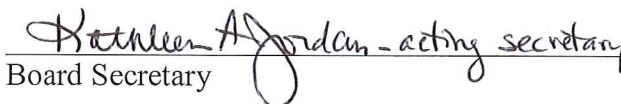
Heidi Carter, representing Page County Democrats, would like to offer a volunteer led activity in the parks thru a community service type project in the fall or spring. Charly indicated that the group had done some litter pickup previously at Pioneer Park. Heidi will be in touch with dates.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

6/13/2017


Chair


Board Secretary