

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held August 8, 2017 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Kathy Jordan
Katy King
Holly Martin

Board Members absent:

Ron Bitting

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Randy Carlson
Terry Broyles
Roger Martin

Also present as guests were Dennis Tillman, Tom Berrier, and Roger Sebeniecher.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for August 8, 2017, second by King. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2017, second by King. Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end July was presented for review. Claims for mid-month August were presented for approval and payment. Explanations of expenditures were given by staff. Expenditures on copier and supplies were discussed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve all claims as submitted, second by King. Motion passed.

New Business included clarification on the range, fisheries grant and tour of sites and Pierce Creek dam inspection.

Board Member Katy King expressed concerns over the addition of having the range opened on the 1st Saturday of each month. Could it be a different date due to holiday's falling on Saturdays when many people utilize the park. Gun range committee Chair, Dennis Tillman, didn't see where the concerns are of having an additional Saturday whereas the gun range isn't open until 1 p.m. Tillman also reviewed

the safety measures that have been implemented. Board Chair Johnson reminded those present that the dates are offset, if there should be any problems they will be addressed. Johnson reiterated that we are to make the parks available to the fullest extent for all park users. In response to an editorial placed in the Shenandoah Valley News regarding a change in the range hours; it should be clarified that the Board did meet with a quorum to discuss changes in hours to the range and that the range item was on the agenda. A discussion was held in regard to a comparison of a year of revenues received from the equestrian campground and gun range. The gun range and the equestrian areas are separate areas and safety and supervision in regard to fencing have been addressed.

Charly reviewed the park tour she took with the Fisheries Biologist thru Union and Ringgold Counties to look at various projects to enhance angling opportunities. Grants were discussed; Marine Fuel tax (application is due September 30) is a 75% (DNR) and 25% (County) match which could cover boat access by installing a concrete ramp at Pioneer or the boat access as previously discussed at Braddyville and Clarinda river bridges. The other grant is Fish Habitat grant which is a 90% (DNR) and 10% (County) match, due November 30, which covers construction of fish jetties, placing cedar brush piles, creation of spawning areas, etc. The management recommendations were detailed per park with Pioneer being a DNR priority. Grants were discussed and by common consent, the board approved to move forward with an application to construct fishing jetties at Pioneer Park. The Marine Fuel tax grant would aid us in obtaining chemicals to kill the pondweed at Pierce Creek. In other fisheries related news, the DNR has stocked an additional 3,800 wipers at Rapp Park.

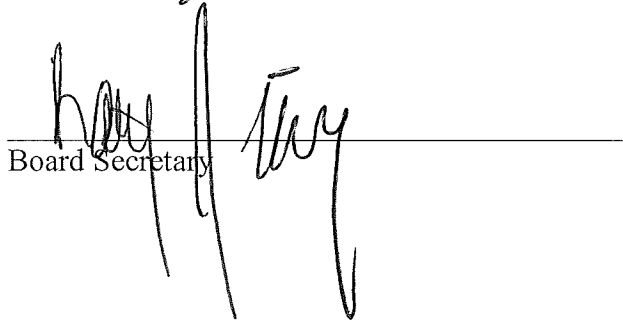
The watershed inspection conducted by the NRCS (every two years) and the dam inspection conducted by NRCS and the DNR were available for review. The inspection conducted by the DNR rates the dam at Pierce Creek as satisfactory and the intent of the inspection is to evaluate the construction, operation and maintenance of the dam and to identify potential problems. The main concerns were the management/removal of the vegetation on the banks with the recommendation of a 15 ft. buffer between dam structures and any woody growth. A report will be shared with the Board of Supervisors and the County Engineer.

Park updates were then given. The water bill at Rapp Park has been discussed with the proper city officials. Mowers are running fine, some storm damage but nothing substantial. Holiday turn out in the parks is good this season. Dennis Tillman did report a donation from Alan Jordan for metal roofing in the amount of \$160.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was entered by Martin, second by King. Motion passed. Meeting then adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: 9/12/2017


Chair


Board Secretary