

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held September 12, 2017 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Holly Martin
Katy King
Ron Bitting
Kathy Jordan

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles

Also present were John VanNostrand and Roger Sebeniecher.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for September 12, 2017, second by Martin. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2017, second by Jordan, second by Martin. Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end August was presented for review. Claims for mid-September were presented for approval and payment. Explanations of expenditures were given by staff.

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

New Business included board member resignation, storm shelter proposal, upcoming meetings and fisheries stocking updates.

Ron Bitting has indicated his desire to resign from the Conservation Board effective immediately. The Board of Supervisors, upon a letter of resignation, will proceed with the posting of the vacancy for re-appointment of a board member.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to accept Bitting's resignation, second by Jordan. Motion carried. King entered a nay vote.

At a department head meeting, Board of Supervisor, Alan Armstrong, inquired as to any accommodations for campers at Rapp Park during severe weather similar to the bathrooms we have in other county parks.

Staff has started the process of acquiring estimates. Option #1 – 20 ft. storage container/walk-in door (modified) for \$5,000.00. Option 2 – Precast concrete latrine pit, 10x15x7 for \$10,500 and then we would add block style building (similar to bathrooms at Pierce Creek and Nodaway Valley Parks) approximately \$30,000.00. Option #3 – fabricated building kit - \$44,325.00. Discussion centered on adding the septic system. Holly would prefer if we went with the pre-cast latrine pit and have local contractors build the block building. Septic system development will be looked into. We cannot put in a conventional septic system, it will have to be an alternative system due to soil not percolating which is more expensive to install; further research will be warranted and brought to the Board of Supervisors for discussion.

Charly indicated that the Soil and Water Conservation Service will be hosting a customer appreciation luncheon on September 20 at their office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Board members and staff are invited. REAP Assembly is going to be held in Shenandoah on October 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Public Library Auditorium. The REAP Assembly is held every two years.

The Board was updated on DNR fisheries stocking Catfish of 6-8 inches in length; 600 to be stocked at Pierce Creek and 1,700 at Rapp Park.

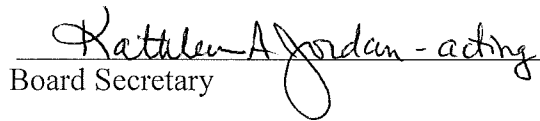
Old Business included ICAP grant, Back Country Horsemen trail work/grant and park updates. Holly inquired about ICAP grant that is intended to be used for safety related expenses. Rich indicated that this could be used towards installing a security light at the equestrian campground. Charly will check into the grant application. Katy discussed the Kay Anderson Foundation grant that would assist towards the purchase of additional fire rings and using the Back Country Horsemen Group grant monies of \$200 as a match.

Rich discussed park updates including the need to epoxy shower floors at end of camping season.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was entered by Jordan, second by Martin. Motion passed. Meeting then adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED: 10/10/2017


Chair


Board Secretary