

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held August 9, 2016 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

Board Members absent:

Ron Bitting  
Keith Meyer

Staff present:

Rich Wallace  
Charly Stevens

Also in attendance were Dennis Tillman, Allan Jordan, Larry Shum, Joyce Kruse, Ruth Ross, Rick Rivers, Terry Broyles and Ernie Robinson.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to accept and approve the agenda for August 9, 2016 as presented, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2016, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business included the addition of park updates as proposed by Board Member Martin. The following updates were then given.

1. Ross Park – had a bad washout at the boat ramp and ramp had to be rebuilt, a load of rock was brought in to the ramp area.
2. Nodaway Valley Park – storm cleanup, unblocking trails/trimmed up trails. Rebuilt one bridge bottom. Both bridge floorings have now been repaired.
3. Pioneer – water line trench from previous year's work evidently has settled and need to be filled in to correct any potential hazard.
4. Rapp Park – installed containment rails on the 20 foot ramp to the handicapped dock. Flooring planks were secured.
5. Pierce Creek – all trails are open by mowing

All areas have been mowed prior to breakdown of several mowers. RAGBRAI activity did bring in some campers to Pierce Creek, Rapp and Pioneer but not in large numbers; most participants stayed in Shenandoah.

The Board was updated with monies received for Rapp Park water project. The Board has received a total of \$95,000; (\$90,000 from Rapp Foundation and \$5,000 from Greater Shenandoah Foundation). Wallace indicated that he has talked with several contractors and hopes to have an estimate for the September board meeting. Board Member Jordan discussed the proposal from Charles Spencer on allowing him to seek additional funds through fundraising.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to give written permission to Charles Spencer to allow him to seek funds for Rapp Park water project with the stipulation that the monies are earmarked for Rapp Park and sent to the Page County Conservation office. If in the future any projects for Rapp Park the Board would request prior board approval, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. Other sources of potential grants were then discussed.

Old Business included Pierce Creek gun range and Joyce Kruse with trails, signage, insurance and equine area.

Dennis Tillman, Range Committee member, presented an update on the range. The range has been open to the public now for 3 Wednesdays and 1 Saturday with 39 members as of August 9, 2016. This breaks down to 7 family memberships and the remainder are individual memberships. Mr. Tillman detailed number of users; July 16 – 30 shooters, July 20 – 9, July 27 – 13 and August 3 – 16. They brought in an additional committee member; Roger Martin and now the committee consist of Roger Martin, Dennis Tillman, Allan Jordan, Terry Broyles and Tom Berrier.

A storage building has been purchased for \$900 + \$175 (delivery charge) and the committee has approved the purchase to use the building for storage of range materials and equipment. Dennis also publicly thanked Ernie Robinson for providing a range flag and for assisting with the RSO duties when the range opened. RSO training will be conducted thru an instructor from Weeping Water, Nebraska. He produced a flyer advertising the range which will be distributed through various outlets. A Facebook page will be set up by a volunteer and range grants/DNR grants and volunteer hours were also discussed.

Joyce then distributed copies of her agenda which included “No horse trailer” signs and directional signage pointing non horse campers to the north campground. She inquired about utilizing 4wheelers on the trail for hauling equipment during a scheduled workday. She reviewed trails that have some maintenance issues, wanting to obtain some more trees and the installation of a few more obstacles in the horse playground. Both of these additions should not impact grounds maintenance. Additional manure containment structures were discussed, Rich indicated that he would dig the pits and the volunteers could finish up the project. Joyce inquired about insurance coverage/waivers if she sets up poker rides with donations coming back to the county for future projects. She

distributed a copy of the waiver used at Brushy Creek. Staff will check with Nordland Insurance on insurance issues. Joyce hopes to schedule a poker ride/workday in September and a Halloween ride in October.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to allow volunteers to use 4 wheelers to work on the trail, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. It was determined that no trail closures signs will be necessary. Rich will be notified of the workday in advance.

Public comments from Rick Rivers and he complimented the process being used for the public to access the range.

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

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to adjourn, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved 9/13/2016

Chair



Board Secretary

