

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held July 12, 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
Keith Meyer

Board Member absent:

Ron Bitting

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens

Also in attendance were Allan Jordan, Larry Shum, Dennis Tillman, Terry Broyles, Ruth Ross, Ayn Taylor, Jon Herzberg, Joyce Kruse, Judith Blay/spouse, Ernie Robinson, Bill Johnson, Roger Sebeniecher and Jon Van Nordstrand.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Meyer to accept and approve the agenda as presented, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016, second by Meyer. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business included an update on the water installation at Rapp Park.

Stevens presented an update to the Board on current grant opportunities that were awarded towards getting water into Rapp Park, \$90,000 from the Cy and Carolyn Rapp Foundation is available upon completion of the project and a second grant is pending. Former Board member, Charles Spencer, inquired about getting written permission to accomplish some fundraising. The consensus of the board was that Spencer should attend a board meeting and request permission to hold fundraising activities, Martin and Meyer were not in favor of the fundraising request. A short discussion was then held on having modern restroom facilities. The topic was tabled until we can obtain estimates on the total cost of the project.

Old Business included an update on the gun range, various topics of concern about the equestrian area including camp sites and signage. Ayn Taylor gave a brief summary on trail competition held at Pierce Creek.

Dennis Tillman presented an update to the Board in regard to the gun range. There will be a 5 member committee; the current committee has met and has worked on the levels of membership which will include individual (\$25), family (\$35), and daily pass (\$5). There will be no lifetime memberships and no reservations except for LE, DOC and Hunter Ed classes; those entities take precedence over range use. The final reading of the SOP was completed, orientation packets are complete and radio release was given to KMA. Signage will be made on a portable stand and placed on the corner of 150th/A Ave on the days when the range is open to the public.

Dennis went over the procedures that will be implemented, prospective shooters will be read the regulations and safety rules of the range along with the hold harmless agreement, sign the acknowledgment forms, pay the fee and receive their range card and then they are allowed to go to the range. Board Member Martin inquired about the capacity of the range insofar as how many shooters at a time, Tillman stressed that only 5 shooters are allowed on the firing line and that the RSO will manage the number of shooters.

The committee would like to have Saturday, July 16 as the opening day for the range, which is the 3rd Saturday and opening hours would be 9 till 1 hour before sundown, an hour earlier to allow for the 1st day opening and orientation process. The committee is seeking approval of the board to accept the orientation packet, SOP and the opening date. An in-depth discussion then centered on DOC usage on the range.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept the gun range committee's recommendations for the orientation packets, the range SOP and the opening date of July 16 for the range at Pierce Creek, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Joyce Kruse presented some basic rules for the equestrian campground. Discussion centered on the posting and enforcement of said rules. Charly will email a copy of the rules to the board for consideration. Kruse also requested additional manure containment structures in several locations.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to proceed with the posting of the basic equestrian rules, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

Ayn Taylor gave a short summary on the trail competition that was held at Pierce Creek, she indicated that there were 11 obstacles already available and that she brought in an additional 14. She would like to host a 2nd competition on August 27; the board gave unanimous approval for the event.

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

MOTION: A motion was entered by Meyer to adjourn, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved 8/9/2016


Chair

Board Secretary