

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held November 8, 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 Joyce Kruse, Rod Goodemote, Jerry Cavin, Randal Carlson, Terry Broyles, Joe and Lindsey Justesen, Mitch, Whitney and Micah Grossoehre, Michael Graham, Jacob Holmes, Kaitlynn Holmes, Dennis Tillman, Diane McMullen, Marvin Freed, Andrea Tally, Kevin Tally, Kalen Fulk, Pastor David Tompkins and Connie Sampers.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to accept and approve the agenda for November 8, 2016 as presented, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan, to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2016, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The pre-approved claims for end of October were presented for review. Claims for mid-November 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 submitted, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included complaint received on condom dispensers, district meeting invitation to Conservation Board, and turtle exhibit.

Diane McMullen and members of the Heartland for Family Values group voiced their concerns to the Board on the decision that the Conservation Board made in regard to allowing Page County Public Health to install and maintain a condom dispenser in one of the county parks. Marvin Freed sent a letter to the Board; he reviewed the purpose of the letter and asked for reconsideration of the motion and various members of the group also expressed their concerns.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to rescind the original motion made in October that allowed Page County Public Health to install and maintain a condom dispenser in one of the county parks. Jordan felt in the best interests of separation of church and state that we do not allow the dispenser to be installed. Martin expressed concerns of the legality of the turnover of the previous motion. A call of votes was then read; Jordan, yes, Johnson, yes and Martin, undecided. Motion carried two to one.

Stevens expressed that Page County Conservation is hosting the quarterly IACCB district meeting on Thursday, November 17. She invited the board to attend if their schedule allows. She reviewed the tentative agenda. Stevens also informed the Board that we'll have a turtle exhibit (informational boards, hands-on turtle shell that kids can crawl through, a turtle that kids can sit on). We propose to have it thru end of January.

Old Business included water project and road drainage at Rapp Park, tiling at Pioneer Park and an update on F250 truck with motor problems.

Bid letters to contractors have been mailed with a due date of December 12 for the installation of water at Rapp Park. Wallace met with Trent Tiemeyer about the drainage issue on the roads at Rapp Park, roads are too flat and not built up, need to have the water drain away from the road; by building up the road and installing more rock. An old tile line at Pioneer Park gave way sending water down the hill onto the road, re-tiling has been completed. Concerns about the Mammoth were voiced; the uncompleted sculpture has been moved to the maintenance building at Pioneer Park until at such a time it can be welded together. The site for its placement is still under water.

The Board was notified of the F250 truck repairs and an estimate to fix it. The injectors went out and motor is bad with a \$9,000 possible repair bill. The truck has been down since September. Board was in consensus to table the truck item until we can meet with the Board of Supervisors.

An update on the gun range was presented by Dennis Tillman. He indicated that the work is being done on obtaining email addresses from the members so communication can be sent if the need arises on inclement weather, etc. He said there is currently a membership base of 60 individuals. An RSO (range safety officer) class has been scheduled to certify individuals to increase safety on the range during use. Tillman and Broyles reviewed procedures and membership costs for the visitors in the audience.

Joyce Kruse thanked Rich for the trail work that has been done and for the wheel barrows that were donated. She is researching grants and would like permission to seek grants. She indicated that the Board would know the details of the grant she would be applying for. She indicated that more pens, gravel and solar lights are needed. Back Country Horseman group is willing to work on trails, she indicated that a representative would be willing to come down and work on trails, she will try and schedule that early spring for them to come and present at a board meeting. Joyce has been working on an insurance waiver and has contacted the County Attorney; this is for rides that may be organized at Pierce Creek. Additional trees and posts have been installed since the last work day in

the equestrian area. She would like to have a manure containment structure installed in the non-electric area. She indicated another work day perhaps next spring.

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 7:05 p.m.

Approved 12/13/2016

  
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Chair

  
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Board Secretary