

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held October 11, 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
Ron Bitting
Keith Meyer

Board Member absent:

Holly Martin

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens

Also in attendance were Dennis Tillman, Roger Martin, Tom Berrier, Karen Lane and Joyce Kruse.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Meyer to accept and approve the agenda for October 11, 2016 as presented, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Meyer to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2016, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business discussion included F250 truck and a request from Page County Public Health. Wallace went over the mechanical problems of the F250 and he is waiting on an estimate repair. The working season is winding down and repairs could wait until spring but to have repairs completed before the seasonal employees come back to work. He cited the mileage and condition of all of the county conservation vehicles.

Angie Hakes, Page County Public Health administrator, has sent a request to the Conservation Board in regard to having condom dispensers installed at the county park. The request was made due to the rate of transmittable diseases in SW Iowa. Page County Public Health would supply the dispensers and the condoms if staff could install dispenser. A short discussion followed; the Conservation Board has no problem with a

dispenser being installed, however they felt that the Public Health department should be in control of all of it.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Meyer, to allow Page County Public Health to install, and maintain the condom dispenser at a yet to be determined location in a county park, second by Bitting. A roll call of votes were then taken; Meyer – yes, Bitting – yes, Jordan – abstained from voting and Johnson – yes (only as a tie-breaker). It was noted that no Conservation resources will be used.

Old Business discussion items included Pierce Creek range, Rapp Park water project and winter usage in the parks. Dennis Tillman indicated that the range is running smoothly with the fifteen weeks it has been open for a total of 580 volunteer hours. The storage building has been installed and donations of metal siding, corrugated iron, wood and food has been given. The next project is to purchase some rafters for the 12x18 shelter house; Charly will check on the balance on the account and let Dennis know. In order to let range members know about any updates or closing due to inclement weather, an email notification system needs to be installed. The request for email address and phone numbers will be amended onto the Hold Harmless Agreement page that all members sign. Dennis also suggested placing a statement on our web page that the park and trails are open to use during periods when the range is active. Board Member Meyer questioned the need to have the range open during the winter; Tillman indicated that the committee will discuss this item at its next meeting.

Wallace brought to the Board about the water project at Rapp Park. Page 1 Rural Water will not do the project and the Shenandoah City Council has approved for the project to connect to their line, although they will not be doing the installation. A bid spec letter will be sent to contractors by November 1, last estimate was at \$105,000, but we will know more when the bids come in. This project entails water lines to 12 sites, hydrants and water to closest of the 2 shelter houses.

Winter usage in the parks, in particular the electric meters was discussed at length. Displacement of “homeless” people was a factor with the electric and final decision made by unanimous decision was to leave the electric meters on.

Public comments from Joyce Kruse included the trails at Nodaway Valley Park, she inquired if the trails would be closed for repair due to erosion. Wallace indicated that if the trail was to be regraded and re-seeded then the trails would be closed to mountain bikes and horses until at such a time that the erosion is under control.

Public comment period was then closed.

Board Member Meyer inquired about the cost of a skid loader and Chair Johnson inquired about the roofing tresses from Miller Lumber and he was told that had been settled.

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 Bitting. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved 11/8/2016


Chair

Board Secretary