

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held September 13, 2016 at the Board's office in Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Ron Bitting.

Board Members present:

Ron Bitting  
Kathy Jordan  
Holly Martin  
Keith Meyer

Board Member absent:

Tom Johnson

Staff present:

Rich Wallace  
Charly Stevens

Also in attendance were Dennis Tillman, Larry Shum, Roger Martin, Terry Broyles, Tom Berrier, Joyce Kruse, Ayn Taylor, and Ruth Ross

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Meyer to accept and approve the agenda for September 13, 2016 as presented, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2016, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The pre-approved claims of end of August were presented for review. Claims for mid-September 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.

Old Business items included the gun range and equestrian items.

Terry Broyles brought everyone up to date on the gun range; there are 54 members to date. A donation of tin and wood have been given towards the building of a shelter house adjacent to the range. The range committee is looking at grants/donations to include the installation of a 150 yard water line and a hydrant has been donated. The storage shed has been set and the range related equipment is now stored there on site at the range instead of the maintenance building. If donations come in, the committee would like to add a range cover at the 100 yard line to cover the shooters. Tom Berrier has donated a new folding table for use at the range.

Joyce Kruse mentioned that the trails are in good shape and campsites looks good. Trail use was questioned when they are wet. Staff will continue to monitor the trails.

Joyce indicated that she will be having a horse ride and work day on September 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. She also indicated that a Halloween ride will also take place on October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Insurance coverage was discussed at length and the ride is insured under Pony Express Club. Joyce also discussed the Back Country Horsemen group wanting to come in and do some trail work, they'll be covered under their insurance and would bring their own equipment. The group will attend a Conservation board meeting and inquire as to the Board's position on allowing their group to work on trail improvements on the outside perimeter of the trails.

New Business included park updates with a summary of activities other than normal maintenance were presented to the Board for their review.

Winter park issues are a concern, the water is turned off but the electric remains available and Rich detailed the number of disadvantaged park users who camp in the park during the winter. Does the Board want to increase the rates during the off season or shut off the electricity to the campgrounds to avoid the influx of these campers? This would be the during the winter season (November thru March). This was tabled until the October meeting.

Rapp Park water project was briefly discussed. Rich has made contact with Page 1 Rural Water in regard to the water line along with discussion with a septic contractor.

Charly approached the Board about moving the Environmental Health office to a different location due to potential office expansion. Board of Supervisor Herzberg said he would look for an alternate office location. Bitting mentioned it was logical to have that office in the courthouse due to the need to have those closing documents then given to the Recorder's office.


Public comments were presented from Ayn Taylor; she indicated that her obstacle course competition and ride turned out in a positive way despite some weather conditions and she indicated that she would donate \$75 of the proceeds to the Board.

Bitting asked Jon Herzberg if the Board of Supervisors would send a letter of recommendation to the gun range committee members as a way of saying thank you for all the hard work they put in and continue to put towards making the range safe and successful.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting then 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 7:10 p.m.

Approved 10/11/2016

  
Chair

  
Board Secretary