

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held July 11, 2017 at the Board's office. 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
Katy King

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Randall Carlson
Roger Martin

Visitors to the meeting included Dennis Tillman, Roger Sebeniecher and JD King, County Engineer.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for July 11, 2017, second by Martin. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2017, second by Martin. Motion passed.

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end June was presented for review along with year-end financial report. Claims for mid-month July were presented for approval and payment. Explanations of expenditures were given by staff. The water bill from Rapp Park was discussed and it was recommended to have the water superintendent from the City of Shenandoah attend the next board meeting to explain billing procedures.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve all claims as submitted, second by Jordan. Motion passed.

New Business included a discussion and approval on developing river accesses, discussion on fireworks in the parks.

JD King, County Engineer, reviewed with the Board his desire to develop a river access at the new bridge at Shambaugh and when the Clarinda bridge is re-vamped in 2018 to also include an access there and to enter into an informal agreement with the Conservation Board. He showed some other accesses that were developed in Eastern

Iowa. He indicated that upon bridge completion his department would lay out/build a parking pad and maintain debris control on piers. Conservation staff would be responsible for the mowing and general maintenance upkeep. Wallace indicated that he would add some trash cans. Questions arose about in the event of a washout, storm damage, etc. King indicated that the replacement would be handled by his department.

A discussion on fireworks ensued, the Board has no current policy governing the use of fireworks in the parks but with the state allowing the sale of fireworks in Iowa, control of the use will be on an individual basis or weather related suspension.

Old Business included a report from the gun range committee and park updates.

Dennis Tillman presented a briefing on the status of the gun range. It has been in operation for a full year. There are about 70 members with membership costs at \$25 for individuals and \$35 for family. There were 619 shooters to the range during this report period. Volunteer hours total 1,551 as of July 5, 2017. These were range hours not work days. The range was closed only on 4 days and that was due to weather conditions. The committee meets monthly to discuss improvements to the range, safety issue improvements or to schedule a work day to work on berms, range road, shelter house, etc. There are a total of 6 committee members. Tillman also reviewed the donations of monies and materials that have been donated for the range.

On November 12th, 6 members took the Range Safety Officer course to ensure that there are certified RSO personnel on site during the time the range is open. 2 of the RSO's also attended a 4 hour Active Shooting training course held in Shenandoah.

The committee is requesting an additional Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. for the first Saturday of the month. This would give members every Wednesday and 2 Saturdays a month to utilize the range. Hours will be 1 p.m. to 1 hour before sunset. The request is due to more participation and an adjustment of shooting hours.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept the gun range committee's proposal to add the 1st Saturday of the month to the schedule and change the hours, second by Martin. Motion passed.

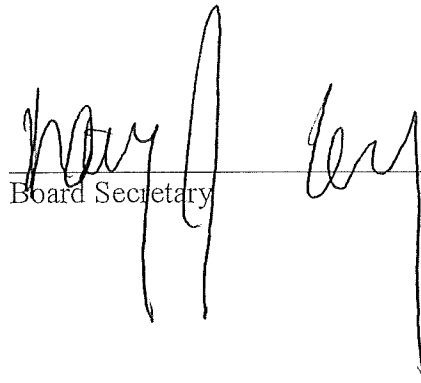
Park updates included road work at Rapp Park, abandoned vehicle, an increase in camping numbers, work at Ross Park for the Bow Club and the painting of park signage, picnic tables, etc.

There being no additional business, a motion was entered by Jordan to adjourn, second by Martin. Meeting then adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

8/8/2017


Chair


Board Secretary