

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board members present included Kevin Christensen, Kathy Jordan, Tom Johnson and Holly Martin. Absent was Katy King.

Staff present included Charly Stevens and Terry Broyles. Wallace was absent due to law enforcement training in Des Moines.

Visitors present included Doug Wright, Tim Bettis and Jon Van Nostrand.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve and accept the agenda for October 9, 2018, second by Christensen. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2018, second by Christensen. All in favor and motion carried.

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

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve both sets of claims as submitted, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included storm shelter bids.

The 3 bids for the storm shelter construction were reviewed. Bids submitted included; Mark Edwards Masonry - \$20,000 (60% down and weekly draws as necessary), Quality Construction - \$18,000 (50% down) and DR Construction - \$17,960.00. A discussion centered on the two bids that were asking for a percentage down; Charly had talked with the County Auditor and the policy is that they normally do not pre-pay invoices; comparisons of the bids then ensued.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Christensen to approve the bid from DR Construction for \$17,960.00 for the storm shelter project at Rapp Park, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. Board Member Kathy Jordan abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Old Business included the fisheries problem at Pioneer Park and park updates.

At Pioneer Park we experienced a late summer fish kill, due in part to high temperatures, low oxygen content for the fish and shallow water levels. Rich has received an estimate

of \$10,000 - \$15,000 from Trent Tiemeyer to dig a channel to allow for more water flow to allow the fish to survive over winter. Stevens indicated that the Board had previously received management recommendations from the DNR Fisheries and DNR considered Pioneer Park a priority and there are a number of items that could be implemented to improve the fisheries. Stevens expressed concerns also shared by Wallace, which we may not have much fishing at Pioneer Park next spring if we experience a winter kill; and the effect that would have on fishing and camping next summer at Pioneer Park. There is also the possibility of not having a fishing derby for 2019 due to lake problems.

Charly indicated there is a fish habitat grant opportunity that is cost share based at 90% - 10% local. There is no guarantee that if we apply that we would get funded as it's highly competitive, if awarded the grant money no work could proceed until early to mid-spring.

Board Member Jordan asked if we get the grant to work on the lake, will the DNR re-stock and is it possible we could buy some larger fish to add into the lake. The DNR stocks fingerlings; this is something we would have to discuss with the DNR on the other stocking for numbers vs acres of lake.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to proceed with the DNR Fisheries grant, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Park updates included the gun range, Dennis Tillman donated a refrigerator and Jim Beal, Shenandoah Hy-Vee and range member donated 4 cases of water. (Thank you notes have been sent). Broyles indicated that mowing is all caught up and they are working on smaller projects before winter.

A member of the Sheriff's office is asking to utilize the range for training; he had visited with Rich about the procedure.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin that this law enforcement deputy should have the same access as the previous firearms instructor for range training, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to adjourn, second by Christensen. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 11/13/2018

Chair



Secretary


