

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, November 13, 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 Tom Johnson, Kathy Jordan, and Holly Martin. Absent were Katy King and Kevin Christensen.

Staff present included Rich Wallace and Charly Stevens.

Visitors present included Zach Setterberg and Joyce Kruse.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan to approve and accept the agenda for November 13, 2018, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2018. A donation to the gun range should have read Jason Beal, not Jim. The Minutes will reflect the correction, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The pre-approved claims for month end October was presented for review. Claims for mid-month November 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 fundraising for Rapp Park, discuss and approve camping fees for 2019 and discuss the publication of conservation board minutes.

Zach Setterberg introduced himself and explained his ideas on some fundraising ideas for development projects at Rapp Park like tree planting, dump station, modern bathroom, etc. He mentioned maybe corporate matching grants (similar to Pella's – they match what an employee gives). He would like to explore those kinds of opportunities as he sees a need to invest in local natural resources. The Board advised him to come to the December board meeting with a plan of action on how he would like to proceed.

An increase of camping fees for 2019 was discussed with any changes to be effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The current fees for electric sites are \$15 and \$6 for primitive. The equestrian campground fee is currently \$17 for electric sites, reduce this to \$15 and charge a \$2 day use fee for horse riders. Annual passes were discussed, no action taken. Staff will visit with other campgrounds and get some solid numbers and bring to the December meeting for further discussion.

An inquiry had been made as to why the Conservation Board did not publish their board minutes. The County Auditor and the Iowa Public Information Board were contacted about the inquiry and both stated that the Board does not have to publish their Minutes as long as Chapter 21 & 22 conditions are met. The Minutes are available upon request and also updated to the county webpage which meets sufficient coverage of Minutes. No action was taken.

Old Business included park updates. The road resurfacing in the campgrounds has been put on hold until spring for Pierce Creek, Pioneer and Nodaway Valley Park due to weather delays. The contractor has been advised that the projects must be done and invoiced prior to end of fiscal year June 30<sup>th</sup>. The storm shelter at Rapp Park has been started with the footings dug; rebar set and pouring of concrete. Some of the black rock has been moved for patching of holes at Rapp Park. Winter shut down of the bathrooms, water off has been completed.

The Fish Habitat grant application requires a "Statement of Resolution" thereby stating that the Conservation Board is interested in applying for funding for fish habitat monies for work at Pioneer Park.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Statement of Resolution for Fish Habitat grant assistance, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

Joyce Kruse was in attendance and asked for copies of the Board Minutes from March 2018 thru November. She also inquired about a trail ride at Pierce Creek and non-profit status in regard to liability. The Waiver of Liability was discussed, but staff will contact insurance company to be sure.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to adjourn, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 12/11/2018

Chair Tom R. Johnson

Secretary Hayley Day