

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held April 10, 2018 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Holly Martin
Kathy Jordan
Tom Johnson
Katy King

Board Members absent:

Kevin Christensen

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles

Also present were Darin Sunderman, Page County Environmental Health, Sam Gruber with Clarinda Heating and Cooling and Roger Sebeniecher and Brad Sorensen.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept and approve the agenda for April 10, 2018, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business included discussion on a proposed septic system and current water connections at Rapp Park and playground equipment donation from the City of Shenandoah.

Darin Sunderman, Page County Sanitarian, discussed with the Board about installing modern restroom and the needs of a septic system. Estimates for 3,000, 5,000 and 7,000 gallon holding tank and associated costs were reviewed. The discussion then centered on pumping fee service versus hooking up to Shenandoah's sewer but maybe those monies could put us closer to having a modern bathroom that would be utilized as a storm shelter like the bathrooms in the other parks.

The City of Shenandoah is requesting a backflow preventer be installed at Rapp Park. There are concerns about sand, etc. leaking back into the city's water system. Contractors have submitted estimates on installation whether it's above or below ground, and will this interfere with any future water related plans at Rapp Park? The question was raised that the backflow preventers were not required at time of water installation; have the rules been changed by the city? Does every commercial/residential have backflow preventers on their lines? Rich has purchased and will install individual backflow preventers on the individual spigots.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King not to move on city request until a discussion has taken place with the City of Shenandoah and the water superintendent, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

The City of Shenandoah Parks and Recreation Department is getting new playground equipment and they would like to donate the old equipment to a local entity. There will be some costs to place it at Rapp Park; i.e. concrete for installation, re-assembly, and mulch for fall protection. Rich will talk to Chad Tiemeyer.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to accept the donation of playground equipment from the City of Shenandoah and place it at Rapp Park, second by Martin. All in favor and motion passed.

Old Business items included weed control on Pierce Creek trails, road repair estimates, fee schedule changes, park updates, asphalt plant set up at Rapp Park and scheduled work day for the Back Country Horsemen group.

Brad Sorensen was in attendance in regard to the spraying of trails at Pierce Creek for weed control. Page County would provide the chemical to spray the trails as needed with brush and weed killer. Portions of the area may need different chemical. Brad's estimate was \$450.00 per application. Rich and Brad will coordinate to get this accomplished.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King to accept Brad's proposal of \$450 per application for spraying trails at Pierce Creek, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Road repair on portions of roads at Nodaway, Pioneer and Pierce Creek were discussed. Earlier estimates from Blacktop Service Company (Corning, IA) for a total of \$23,177.00 and Sta-Bilt Construction (Harlan) for a total of \$22,054.67 were reviewed showing a difference of \$1,123 between the bidders.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to have Rich check on the bidders references, availability of getting the projects done and a decision will be made at the May board meeting, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Fee schedule change was briefly discussed. Charly surveyed several counties with the same amenities and the topic was tabled at this time.

Park updates included the graveling and lengthening camp pads at Pierce Creek and some additional rock needed at the gun range, Rich will be turning on the water and opening bathrooms as soon as the weather stabilizes.

A short discussion on an asphalt plant setting up at Rapp Park was briefly mentioned. Rich and JD King, County Engineer, had a conversation in regard to this but no word has been received if they plan on utilizing Rapp Park as of this update. As in the past, the Conservation Board charged a fee for the plant to lease the ground.

The Back Country Horsemen group is planning a work day scheduled for April 14th with a rain date of April 28th. The north part will be re-flagged and work on the perimeter trail will begin.

Katy King shared correspondence from Joyce Kruse in regard to the equestrian area. No further comments from the public were heard.

No further business to come before the Board, the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was entered by Martin, second by King. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED: 05/08/2018

Chair 

Board Secretary 