

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Kathy Jordan
Holly Martin
Kevin Christensen

Board Members absent:

Katy King

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Randal Carlson

Also present as guests were Dennis Tillman, Trish Bergren and Chuck Morris.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve and accept the agenda for June 12, 2018, second by Martin. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2018, second by Martin. All in favor and motion passed.

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

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

New Business included art sculptures in the parks, bids for Rapp Park water issue, safety measures, gun range update and grant and the fishing derby summary.

The water bill at Pierce Creek has been exceptional high at the shop; a water leak has been found and isolated and shut done by the old well.

Trish Bergren, representing the CCAM (Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum), has been given several pieces of art work donated by the Charles Ginnever collection to be permanently installed in the community. She spoke of the locations throughout the city and is down to two pieces yet to find a home. There will be a legal contract between CCAM and the receiver of the art work. CCAM will take care of the installation, maintenance and liability of the pieces. She wants the pieces to be visible. She then distributed photos of Medusa and High Rise. Medusa is a large piece – 144 in. x 456 in. x 384 in. The High Rise art piece is 19 ft. x 22 ft. x 10ft. Charly indicated that she contacted the safety consultant in regard to safety/liability and comments made in regard to potential issues but he added it would enhance our parks. Trish indicated there would be no costs incurred on the part of the county. CCAM will provide a press release. The BOS is in support of the art going onto park grounds and in agreement that will enhance the visitor's park experience. The contract has been reviewed by the BOS and the County Attorney. Discussion then followed on placement location.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to have Medusa installed at the north end of the Conservation Center and High Rise installed at the roadside rest area at Nodaway Valley Park, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Bids were sent out to 5 contactors in regard to the addition of the backflow preventer at Rapp Park. One bid was received from PWS in the amount of \$4,077.06 (bid attached in Minutes). After some discussion, it was the consensus to take the bid and meet with the BOS and the City of Shenandoah to resolve the issue.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to move ahead with the project and meet with all parties, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried. Charly will notify board members of the meeting time and location and invite Jim Davey, City of Shenandoah, to the meeting.

Wallace and Stevens has been notified that a meeting with Mark Schaffer, Safety Consultant, will take place on June 27th to review safety practices within the Conservation department. A partial risk assessment has been done; it was recommended to remove some playground structures at Nodaway Valley Park which was completed on June 8th. Employee PPE was discussed but no action taken, pending the visit with Mr. Schaffer.

Dennis Tillman, gun range committee member, updated the Board. Mr. Tillman indicated in May there were 94 shooters utilizing the range and a total of \$325 in memberships fees. He indicated that there are about 60 to 65% (aging) veterans who utilize the range. Sometimes a range officer will drive them up to the range, etc., to help them. The committee would be interested in purchasing a used golf cart to help with the assistance of getting the members to the range. The 2nd proposal involves new gun owners to firearm shooting and provision of a shorter pistol range 7 to 10 yard range. There is room to the west for 5 firing lanes – 40 ft. wide x 10 yards deep just for new

shooters, would like to see a concrete apron or sidewalk installed that could be handicapped accessible.

There is a Freedom Grant opportunity from the Elks Club in the amount of \$2,000 each; they'll offer to help write the grant. The deadline is July 1. If accepted, the Elks Club would accept responsibility for the media release of the grant and that they helped finance the project. The gun range committee asked for the consideration from the Conservation Board to apply for the grant. The committee would need to submit the amount of volunteer hours, equipment, etc. to be used to show the need for one or the other range projects as Mr. Tillman outlined. It was suggested to have Loss Control Coordinator from ICAP plan a site visit to see if the additional range projects would also be safe from an insurance viewpoint.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to allow the gun range committee to follow thru with the Elks Club on submitting a grant for \$2,000 for improvements to the range, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Charly updated those present with the Fishing Derby that was held on Saturday, June 2nd at Pioneer Park. There were 77 kids participating. The 4 food stores donated hot dogs, buns and chips; Eaton's CIT group did the grilling and brought drinks. The Shenandoah Optimist Club had 4 to 6 volunteers there. Thank you notes were signed by the kids and sent to that list of donors. There were 14 Crappies, 31 Bluegill, 2 Bass, 1 Catfish, 1 Bullfrog and 1 Turtle. This was all catch and release. Registration forms were delivered to all Page and Fremont County schools and to homeschooled as well.

In Old Business, items for discussion were bathroom/storm shelter combo at Rapp Park and river access signage.

Alan Jordan was not present to discuss a proposal to build a block building that would serve as a storm shelter and eventually bathroom facilities at Rapp Park. Item was tabled.

Discussion on river access at Shambaugh is completed and according to reports there has been a lot of usage. The next access is scheduled for the Brummett Bridge (Washington Street Bridge). According to an earlier agreement, Secondary Roads would build the access, build a parking lot and the Conservation Board would supply signage, trash pickup and mow.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m at the Conservation Center.

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

APPROVED: 07/10/2018

Vice, Kurt Schuster
Chair _____

Board Secretary Kathleen A Jordan
