

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Johnson.

Board Members in attendance included Johnson, Martin, Jordan and Christensen. Absent was King.

Staff present included Wallace, Stevens and Broyles.

Visitors present were Dennis Tillman.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve and accept the agenda for August 14, 2018, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2018, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

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

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

New Business included a discussion on the mammoth sculpture in storage and liability, and Rapp Park storm shelter/bathroom.

The pieces of the mammoth sculpture have been in storage at Pioneer Park maintenance building for a length of time. In a discussion with the local insurance representative and the county auditor it was determined that a letter should be sent notifying Spencer and Woodford that neither the County or the Conservation Board will be held liable due to any injuries or theft of the mammoth should it occur. The proposed letter needs a revision and will be presented at the September meeting as an action item.

The storm shelter/bathroom at Rapp Park was discussed at length. The backflow preventer/ valves and housing structure were reviewed. Rich will meet with Alan Jordan to discuss the plan for the building. Rich will also talk with PWWS about the bid for the work to be done as recommended by the City of Shenandoah. Charly mentioned that we could send intent letters to several grant opportunities since we do have a \$25,000 to use towards the building.

Old Business discussed was park updates and gun range updates. There has been a fish kill at Pioneer Park, this is due in part to maximum depth of the lake is 5.5 feet (low water table with little to no oxygen) and high temperatures. The DNR has some recommendations, Rich and Charly will follow up and this will be placed on the September agenda.

The river access at the Shambaugh Access is also experiencing low water levels and trucks have been driving across the river bed.

Dennis Tillman provided a short summary on the gun range activities. Material has been ordered for the roof at the rifle/shotgun range, working on concrete for sidewalk and parking area. The grant they submitted to the Elks Club was not awarded because it has to be specifically for handicapped veterans use only and we can't allow exclusive use by one group. He indicated that in October the gun range committee would like to host a "Stand Your Ground" workshop training for security and safety. A request was made to the Conservation Board to have the convenience of switching range starting times on October 6 & 20th.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan, to allow the gun range committee the ability to change the 1st and 3rd Saturdays for activities as needed, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to adjourn, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

APPROVED: 9/11/2018

Chair 

Secretary 