

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, September 11, 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. Board members absent were Christensen and King.

Staff present included Wallace, Stevens and Broyles.

Visitors present included Tom Stevenson and Susan Woodford.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve and accept the agenda for September 11, 2018. second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

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

CLAIMS: The pre-approved claims for month end August was presented for review. Claims for mid-month September 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 a discussion on "Friends of Rapp Park" and a brief report from a range committee member.

Tom Stevenson and a group of friends are with the intent to form an organization called "Friends of Rapp Park" to assist with making improvements at Rapp Park. He indicated that some work needs to be done on the boat ramp due to the current water level, a security light at the boat ramp for night fishermen, more tree planting, especially at the primitive area, (he suggested hybrid willows – fast growing trees for quick shade) and the creation of more fish habitat. It would be based on volunteer labor; he discussed forming a membership to raise funds, corporate sponsorships and additional ideas to raise monies for improvements at Rapp Park. It was understood that the group would make written recommendations to the Conservation Board for consideration and approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan, to approve the creation of "Friends of Rapp Park" to assist with park improvements, all project ideas will need to come to the Conservation Board and to be approved before the work is carried out, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Terry Broyles brought the Board up to date on activities at the range. The roof over the 100 yard line now has a cover. The range committee has been researching the purchase of a golf cart to help facilitate the movement of materials and people up to the range. Marlin and Mary Jo Tillman has donated a golf cart and pull behind wagon for range usage only. The golf cart and wagon is graciously accepted.

Old Business included the storage and liability of the mammoth structure at Pioneer Park maintenance building. Susan Woodford was in attendance at the meeting and the liability issue was discussed with her. The shop at Pioneer Park had been broken into and concerns over the mammoth being stolen or destroyed were discussed with Susan. She is agreeable to have it moved to her shop. She would like to attend another meeting to discuss the mammoth installation at Rapp Park.

Jordan talked about the valve installation and the storm shelter at Rapp Park and her discussion with Tim Martin and Alan Armstrong.

Park updates were then given. There are concerns about the condition of the lake at Pioneer Park, discussion on options and grants available from the Iowa DNR.

Broyles had concerns about mowing/maintenance in the parks. He would like to see some re-establishment of habitat (food plots, wildflowers) and cut down on mowing.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to look at potential re-establishment of habitat areas in each of the individual parks starting with the primitive area at the equestrian campground at Pierce Creek, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 10/9/2018

Chair



Secretary


