

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Kevin Christensen.

Board members present included Kevin Christensen, Kathy Jordan and Katy King.

Board members absent were Holly Martin and Tom Johnson.

Staff present included Rich Wallace, Charly Stevens and Terry Broyles.

Present as guests were Stephen Rusco representing the SW IA Bow hunters Club and Joyce Kruse.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve and accept the agenda for January 8, 2019, second by King. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2018, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: The December month end claims were presented for review. Claims for mid-month January 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 King. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included SW IA Bow hunters Club in regard to Ross Park electric fees, board elections and budget work. Wallace and Stevens asked that the budget work be moved to the end of the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was entered by King to move the budget discussion to the end of the agenda, second by Jordan. This was approved unanimously.

A discussion with Stephen Rusco, SW IA Bow hunters Club, in regard to the electric bill at Ross Park and the amount of electricity used during the summer months that they use the park. He thought there was only one refrigerator unit but will check. In the meantime, Charly will retrieve claims for March thru September and will contact United Electric Co-op to see what the actual minimum electric charge is at Ross. We will share that information with Mr. Rusco to see if an arrangement can be made for them to pay what is used over the minimum. Further discussion will be placed on the February agenda.

Board elections were tabled until February meeting to allow full participation by all board members.

Old Business included park updates, playground equipment and Rapp Park farm lease. Rich relayed that this time of year is spent fixing and repairing equipment and picnic tables. Several frames are bad and wood needs replaced. The storm shelter is being worked on when the weather is stable. McAllister is also waiting on completion of the storm shelter and better weather so he can install the backflow preventers.

Playground equipment that was donated from the City of Shenandoah has been looked over by ICAP Safety Loss Coordinator after we took possession of the equipment. She found several hazard items including the hundreds of nuts and bolts that need replaced. Upon inspection of the unit it was determined that re-construction of the donated equipment may not be in the best interest of the park users. Replacement of playground equipment that was removed last spring was discussed and Charly will check with Hockenberry Foundation to see if an applicable grant may be available.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to return the playground equipment to the City of Shenandoah due to liability the Board faces and recommendations from the Safety Loss Coordinator, and see if City of Shenandoah can find some other entity that can use it, second by King. All in favor and motion carried.

At the December meeting, the Board approved a \$2 per horse trail fee starting with the upcoming spring camping season. Joyce Kruse inquired if the \$2 trail fee would include non-profit groups being charged that fee since several of those groups donate monies back to the park for trail improvements. She was also concerned where the non-primitive equestrian users were going to camp since there will only be electrical sites available. A change in the county website will be updated on non-availability of primitive sites at Pierce Creek equestrian campground once the changes are fully approved. It was the consensus of the board in attendance that the \$2 trail fee is included in the \$17 camping fee otherwise if not camping then the riders would only pay the \$2 per horse trail fee. This discussion was tabled until February meeting.

The crop lease at Rapp Park was briefly discussed. The current lease does not expire until March 1, 2020. This was tabled till the February meeting and Charly will have copies of the scale tickets and SCS map/ground information available for further discussion.

Rich and Charly presented the preliminary budget for FY19-20 and discussions on various line items were covered. We will ask the Board of Supervisors if the trail fee revenues can be retained to assist with trail maintenance.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to adjourn, second by King. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 2/12/2019

Chair Kathleen A Jordan

Secretary Holly Martin