

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, February 12, 2019 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 included Kevin Christensen and Katy King.

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

Present from the public was Joyce Kruse.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve and accept the agenda for February 12, 2019, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2019, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: The month end claims for January were presented for review. Claims for mid-month February 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 election of officers, discuss and approve bylaws and Operation Relief.

Election of Officers was then held: For the position of Chair – Johnson nominated Jordan, second by Martin. Nominations then ceased for the position of Chair. For the position of Vice- Chair – Jordan nominated Martin, second by Johnson. Nominations then ceased for the position of Vice-Chair. For the position of Board Secretary – Martin nominated Christensen, second by Jordan. Nominations then ceased for the position of Secretary.

MOTION: Slate of Officers is as stated. Chair – Kathy Jordan, Vice-Chair – Holly Martin, Secretary – Kevin Christensen. Board Members Tom Johnson and Katy King. All in favor and motion carried for the slate of officers/board members as nominated.

A set of Bylaws were drafted and reviewed. No former Bylaws have been found in the Conservation Board Minutes and with a set of Bylaws this allows a foundation from which the Board operates to control the functions of the Board, its employees and facilities.

The Bylaws should be reviewed annually for any changes or amendments as necessary. Upon review by the Board, Article VIII - Section 8.2 – Board Member Attendance; “Board members missing more than four (4) meetings with unexcused absences per calendar year may be cause for removal from the Board.”

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to adopt the Bylaws as presented with the change in absent from meetings clause, second by Jordan. All in favor and motion carried.

Charly presented the Operation ReLeaf proposal to the Board. This is a partnership between IA DNR, Alliant Energy and Conservation Board. 75 trees will be made available for sale for \$25.00 payable to Page County Conservation. The trees must be picked up on April 23 between 4:30 and 6 p.m. at the Conservation office. Order forms will be available soon. There will be 5 species offered. These trees include shade trees that are 5 to 8 feet tall while the conifers and ornamental trees will be 3 to 5 feet tall, all are containerized trees. Ordering is through April 17th. Charly noted to the Board that we had not participated in this partnership since 2010 and it is a good PR tool. A question was asked about advertising and Charly indicated that Alliant Energy/ IA DNR will take care of the marketing campaign.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to have Charly go ahead with Operation ReLeaf, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business included FY 20 budget updates, discussion of electric usage at Ross Park, and clarification of trail fees at Pierce Creek.

Staff members Wallace and Stevens discussed the budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors and some of the line items pertaining to road repair monies, vehicle purchases and additional patrol on weekends.

A spreadsheet was provided to show the electric usage at Ross Park from March thru September, the electric rates versus the kilowatts used since there were concerns on usage. Rich will talk to the Bow Club and get back to the Board.

A clarification on trail fees at Pierce Creek was reviewed. During the December meeting the Board approved a \$2 trail fee beginning with the 2019 camping season. Clarification is as follows; the camping fee of \$17 in the equestrian campground includes the \$2 trail fee. If not camping then the equestrian riders would only pay the \$2 per horse trail fee. An individual (\$15) or family (\$20) trail pass will be made available.

Joyce Kruse addressed the Board with her concerns on previous trail work done at Pierce Creek.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Jordan to adjourn, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

APPROVED: 3/12/2019

Chair Kathleen A Jordan

Secretary Ally Martin