

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Jordan at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present included Kathy Jordan, Tom Johnson and Holly Martin.

Board Members absent included Kevin Christensen and Katy King.

Staff present included Rich Wallace and Charly Stevens.

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

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2019, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: The month end claims for February were presented for review. Claims for mid-month March 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 Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included adoption of By-Laws, Rapp Park crop lease, and the City of Shenandoah event at Rapp Park,

The Page County Conservation By-laws were discussed pertaining to the correction of "board meeting attendance". There being no further discussion on the adoption of the By-laws and no additional corrections necessary for them to be finalized.

MOTION: The motions from the February meeting to adopt said By-Laws remain in effect with a motion by Martin to adopt and Jordan seconded still carried.

The Rapp Park crop lease currently held by Hilger Farms was discussed. The number of acres with a lease versus cash rent was reviewed and payments received since we've been working with Mr. Hilger. It was determined at the May meeting to discuss any changes in the lease contract for the upcoming crop year and send a letter in July.

The City of Shenandoah has requested permission to host a father/daughter fishing event at Rapp Park on June 9th. This is not sponsored by the PCCB although we may provide them with activity packets and the loan of DNR rod and reels for the event.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to allow the City of Shenandoah Parks and Recreation to proceed with the father/daughter event scheduled for June 9th at Rapp Park, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business included clarification of trail fees at Pierce Creek, campground host and playground equipment.

The 2019 camping season will see a \$2 per horse trail fee at Pierce Creek initiated; this will also apply to special events by any non-profit group. Staff is working on camping receipt envelopes to reflect this and also notices on bulletin board at the equestrian campground. This \$2/per horse trail fee will be amended back into the budget to be used for trail maintenance.

In a discussion with the Board of Supervisors it has been determined that PCCB will be able to acquire some playground equipment for NVP, PC and Rapp. This will be accomplished due to some budget work and payment of storm shelter out of a different fund thereby allowing some funding to be freed up to allow for the purchase of much needed playground equipment from the Conservation budget.

Staff has had several inquiries about a campground host for this season. The Board has determined that with our parks small in size and the loss of revenue of one site for the April thru September period that they do not feel it is to our advantage to have a campground host. Law enforcement coverage will be expanded and this will help curtail some activity in the parks.

Park updates included equipment being readied for spring, and working on picnic tables. Wallace informed the Board that he will shut down the south road at Rapp to the first parking lot due to the weather conditions and slowing down the vehicles tearing up the roads in the park.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to adjourn, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 4/9/2019

Chair Kathleen A. Jordan

ACTING

Secretary Tom R. Johnson

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation was held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Jordan.

Board Members present included Kathy Jordan and Tom Johnson.

Board Members absent included Katy King, Kevin Christensen and Holly Martin.

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

Present from the public included Brian Holmes, Robert Heflin, Amy Heflin, Peggy Slagle, Joyce Kruse, Judith Blay, Connie Cade, Jo Stessman, Diane Motz, Gerry Lundgren, Dan & Shelley Jennings, Vicki Engstrand and Beth Carlson.

Kathy Jordan, Board Chair, informed those present that since we did not have a quorum a formal board meeting could not be conducted. Most of the visitors that were present had driven a distance so in all fairness we let the equestrian visitors voice their concerns about the motion was that made September 11, 2018 on the removal of the facilities at the primitive equestrian campground only.

Robert Heflin, a member of the Back Country Horsemen Iowa Chapter is the contact person for the current group of volunteers that are working on the trails. He distributed a spread sheet showing the number of volunteers, hours worked, and equipment used equated to a dollar amount. He discussed trail work that had been done last year and cutting back the trail so the Board employees can mow a 10 foot clearance.

Joyce Kruse asked where riders will go if all the electric sites are full. Why equestrian riders are not welcome at Pierce Creek? She has some poles there that she has at Pierce Creek and would like to have them back.

Other concerns included the fire rings and other equipment that was donated or purchased thru a grant and shouldn't a series of 3 public meetings been held to discuss the removal of the proposed changes at the primitive equestrian campground.

Brian Holmes was in attendance to discuss options that might be available for the pond at Pioneer Park as a temporary measure. Trenching, hauling away of fill dirt, replacing pipe, building jetties, and finding appropriate contractors.

No action was taken on any discussion. The Chair would like to meet on Monday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. to have a board meeting to go over the remaining agenda items when a quorum will be present.

APPROVED: 4/15/2019

Chair Kathleen A. Jordan

ACTING Board Secretary Tom R. Johnson