

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held May 14, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's office. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Jordan.

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

Board Members absent were Katy King.

Staff present were Charly Stevens and Terry Broyles. Wallace was absent.

Visitors present included Judith Blay, Joyce Kruse and Dan Hilger.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the agenda as submitted, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2019 as submitted, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: The month claims for April were presented for review. Claims for mid-month May were presented for approval and payment. Explanations of expenditures were given by staff.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to approve all claims as submitted, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.
New Business included crop lease at Rapp Park, budget amendment request and job description.

Dan Hilger was present to discuss with the Board his current farm lease at Rapp Park. We are currently under the 2/3 share (tenant) and 1/3 (landlord). He has been planting corn over the years but this year he is switching to beans. Discussion was on the difference between types of leases and the income from each. The current lease expires on March 1, 2020.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to proceed with the renewal of the farm lease at Rapp Park with Hilger Farms on the same arrangement as now; 2/3 – 1/3, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. Charly with work with the County Attorney to get the new lease drawn up.

Charly submitted a budget amendment request totaling \$4,986.00. This includes revenue received of \$1,985.00 for the gun range memberships and Rapp Park revenue of \$3,001.00 to amended to offset expenditures. We budgeted \$3,000 which is a transfer to the Conservation Reserve line item. No action needed on the transfer.

Old Business included work on the pond at Pioneer Park. We have received an estimate from Chad Mascher with an explanation of work to be completed at a cost of \$1,553.00. No action was taken at this time.

Other park updates included some burning and re-seeding at Rapp Park, trails mowed, and some additional seeding completed, a new sign is up at Rapp Park (east entrance) paid by Pella Corporation and employee match, a smaller donor sign needs to be ordered.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to proceed with the smaller donor signage, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Charly indicated that the tree sales in partnership with the IA DNR and Alliant Energy went smooth; all 75 trees were sold, and one new tree planted at the office. We are to receive a reimbursement from the IA DNR in the amount of \$4,035.00.

Wallace has been meeting with the Sheriff and the Reserve Officers on obtaining their services for additional enforcement thru Pierce Creek and Rapp Park. His next meeting is scheduled for 5/5/2019. They will use Wallace's patrol truck, our fuel and their pay is from our budget.

Charly indicated she had attended a FEMA meeting and is waiting on further instructions on applying for flood damage assistance for Rapp Park.

Public comment period was then opened. Judith Blay has concerns about one of the bridges at Nodaway Valley Park. This was the first report the staff had been made aware of the issue. It had been rebuilt two years ago. She also indicated that there was a downed tree blocking the trail (SE of bridge) and the trail to the north needs mowed. She indicated that she could do some mowing but due to county liability policy the Board didn't see that as an option, but Charly will check with the Auditor about the liability waiver. It isn't allowed in the other parks.

Joyce Kruse indicated that on 4/24 as she was setting up camp in the equestrian area that someone took a photo of her license plate. She wondered if this was the norm at all the parks or just at the equestrian area? She asked about the donated fire rings from the FFA to have them put back in the campground and 1 in the day use area, she also indicated there were no picnic tables in the shelter and that a table is needed in the day use area and there is one missing in the campground. She asked if non-profit groups had to pay the trail fee. It was thru early board minutes that the consensus was that everyone pays the trail fee.

Broyles discussed a request to have a clay pigeon shooting event in the public hunting area. The event will be scheduled including a rain date. It will be towards the west fence line – 250 yards.

Comp time was addressed. The current county policy is accrued comp time at 120 hours, each department has a different limit as stated in the personnel policy. A discussion on job descriptions were briefly reviewed.

MOTION: The Conservation Board would like to initiate a policy change effective January 1, 2020 to lower maximum hours of comp time from 120 hours to 80 hours for full time Conservation employees.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Martin to accept the policy change in comp hours from 120 hours to 80 hours, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson to adjourn, second by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Conservation Center.

APPROVED: 6/11/2019

Chair *Beth Ann Jordan*

(Acting) Board Secretary *Tom R. Johnson*