

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held June 11, 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 member absent was Katy King.

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

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

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Johnson to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2019, seconded by Martin. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The month end claims for May were presented for review. Claims for mid-month June were presented for approval and payment. An explanation of expenditures was given by staff.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to approve all claims as submitted, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included employee job description and handling of animal control calls.

Jordan and Johnson met with the Board of Supervisors regarding Rich Wallace's pending retirement later in the year and advertising for the position of an Executive Director. Also discussed with the Board of Supervisors was the filling of a board member vacancy left by Christensen's resignation. There is one applicant and the Board of Supervisors is expected to appoint later this month.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to move ahead with the process of posting ads for the position of a Director, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. An ad will be posted for position on IACCB portal, county website and local newspapers.

Animal control calls were discussed as a carryover from an earlier Board of Supervisors discussion as Conservation staff are handling animal control calls and both boards felt this is an DNR issue and shouldn't be using county resources. After a lengthy discussion; the staff was advised to tell the caller no and to refer them to the appropriate conservation officer; and in the meantime, to keep track of animal related calls.

Charly received a call from Cindy Axne's office. She is doing an environmental tour through SW Iowa and would like to meet at one of the county parks. Charly suggested Rapp Park; this is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>. Invitation was extended for those who can make the meeting. Topics to be discussed with Ms. Axne will include the addition of the storm shelter, hybrid bass project and flood damage.

Old Business included Pioneer Park renovation, storm shelter progress and fishing derby results. Rich explained the process stages of the renovation under the estimate provided by Chad Mascher in lowering the water level. His suggestion is to drain Pioneer down this fall and allow it to dry and then proceed with renovations. REAP budget could fund the project as well as reapplying for the Fish Habitat grant in November.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to move forward with the lowering of the lake this fall, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Charly reviewed the fishing derby that was held on June 8 at Pioneer Park. There were 65 participants with a total of 116 fish caught.

Rich reviewed the progress being made on the storm shelter and working with the Reserve Officers on additional patrols and continuing certifications being made to have more Reserve Deputies available.

Park updates included equipment repair, beaver dam control at Rapp Park with assistance from Secondary Roads and pending law enforcement actions in 2 parks. A bridge at Nodaway Valley Park has been repaired but trail work must wait until the trail dries up. Rich indicated that there is a drainage issue at Ross Park and explained actions to correct the issue.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to table any improvements on the drainage issue for now at Ross Park, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Jordan revisited the Board member attendance per the By-laws as adopted at the March 12, 2019 meeting and discussion at length of Katy King's attendance. The consensus of the Board was to send a letter referencing "Article VIII – Section 8: Board member missing more than four (4) unexcused absences within a calendar year may be cause for removal from the Board. Failure to do so may cause removal from the Board by request of the remaining Board members". The letter will reference that portion of the By-laws and a list of board meetings attended. An additional letter will be sent to the Board of Supervisors asking for her removal due to non-attendance and ask for the position to be advertised.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin to proceed with letter to Katy King and follow up letter to the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Johnson. A roll call vote then followed: Aye – Martin, Aye – Johnson – Aye – Jordan.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Martin. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

APPROVED: 7/9/2019

Chair Kathleen A Jordan

Board Secretary William Roberts