

Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, February 11, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Jessica Lara at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters

**Board Members Attending:** Vice-Chair Jessica Lara, Kirk Rice, Adam Seward and Trent Lambert (ex-officio member)

**Board Members Absent:** Chair Sandy Trampe and Verl Duncan

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Maint./Operations Supervisor Craig Boomgarden, Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper and Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber

**Guests:** Hardin County Zoning Administrator Jessica Sheridan, Curt Groen, Wayne & Darla Carpenter, Leland Mosch, Nick LaValle, Andrew Freese and Joe Otten

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Adam Seward made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020. It was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the February 11, 2020 monthly claims. It was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Reports:** All reports were given and read. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Kirk Rice shared with the Board that Pheasants Forever has a seed plot program available. For those who are interested to contact Pheasants Forever Hardin County President Jake Winters of Hubbard.

### **General Business**

**Open Contract Park Mowing Bids:** Park mowing bids were received from Alan's Lawn Care/Andrew Freese, LaVelle Lawn Care LLC/Nick LaVelle, and Speedy's Lawn Care/Joe Otten. The bids were opened and discussed by the Board. The 2020 park mowing season again reflects three groups of areas that could be bid on. The bidder could bid on one group or all three groups.

Kirk Rice made a motion to award **group "1"** to Speedy's Lawn Care/Joe Otten, **group "2"** to LaVelle Lawn Care LLC/Nick LaVelle, and **group "3"** to Alan's Lawn Care/Andrew Freese. The motion was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Approve Set-Back/Wind Energy Ordinances:** Tabled until a HCCB special meeting could be set before the February 25, 2020 Hardin County Zoning Commission Meeting.

**Approve 2019 Annual Report:** Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report. It was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Review Firewood Cutting Policy/Tabled from 1/14/2020:** The Board decided to table until the March 10, 2020 regular board meeting.

### **Other Items**

**RAGBRAI:** Director Wes Wiese informed the Board that there has been interest in camping facilities with RAGBRAI's scheduled stop in Iowa Falls on July 21, 2020 and Iowa's Ride scheduled to stop in Eldora on July 14, 2020. Also, Pine Lake State Park campgrounds are closed for remodeling at the time of both rides. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Advertising/Hardin County Visitor's Guide:** Kirk Rice made a motion to approve a ½ page ad for \$300.00 in the 2020 Hardin County Visitor's Guide and it was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chair Jessica Lara called the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Thursday, February 20, 2020  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Special Board Meeting

The Thursday, February 20, 2020 Special Meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 12:05 p.m. at the Hardin County Courthouse, Small Conference Room, 1215 Edgington Avenue, Eldora, Iowa

**Board Members Attending:** Chair Sandy Trampe, Vice-Chair Jessica Lara, Kirk Rice and Adam Seward

**Board Members Absent:** Verl Duncan and Trent Lambert (ex-officio member)

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs

**Guests:** Hardin County Attorney Darrell Meyer, Hardin County Supervisor BJ Hoffman, Hardin County Zoning Administrator Jessica Sheridan, Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation Director Mark Buschkamp, Iowa Falls Municipal Airport Manager Craig Coon, RWE Renewables/Mariah Lynne, RWE Renewables/Abby Flatness and Curt Groen of Hubbard, Iowa

**Public Comment:** Mariah Lynne stated that she and Abby Flatness work with RWE Renewables not for RWE Renewables.

**General Business**

**Approve Set-Back/Wind Energy Ordinances:** After discussion and comments by the Board, Adam Seward made a motion to have a three-mile radius set-back requirement for wind turbines from Hardin County Conservation properties. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. A roll call vote of the motion was made: "Ayes"- Chair Sandy Trampe, Kirk Rice, Adam Seward. "Nays" - Vice-Chair Jessica Lara. The motion carried.

**Tower Rock Cabin Heater:** Director Wes Wiese gave quotes to the Board on the purchase of a A/C-Heater unit for the Oak Cabin at Tower Rock. Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made a motion to select the quote of \$1,140.00 per unit and if needed a Wall Sleeve at \$117.64 per unit and a Grill at \$36.48 per unit from Reliable 1 of Iowa Falls. It was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Other Items:** None

**Adjournment:** Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.