Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The Tuesday, June 9, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:04 p.m. at Headquarters’ Front Porch

**Board Members Attending:** Chair Sandy Trampe, Kirk Rice, and Trent Lambert

**Board Members Absent:** Vice-Chair Jessica Lara and Adam Seward

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

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the June 9, 2020 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** All reports were given and read. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Kirk Rice informed the Board that Pheasants Forever will be holding a banquet soon and he will let them know of the date. Also, Trent Lambert discussed the burning of the log jam on the river near Alden.

**General Business**

**Twin Elms Update:** The Director and Board discussed the “Notice to Take Bids and Public Hearing for Sale of Interest in Real Property”. The description should include the total number of acres and the common name of the property. All was information at this time and no motion was needed.

**Appoint HCCB Member to Friends of Calkins Board:** Tabled until the July Board Meeting.

**Prairie Seed/Hilker Wildlife Area:** Tabled until the July Board Meeting.

**Bill Schmidt Memorial Plaque:** Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the go ahead on the Bill Schmidt Memorial Plaque as presented in the Calkins Nature Area Interpreter’s Report. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.
**Ira Nichols Outdoor Classroom/Improvements:** Director Wes Wiese discussed with the Board the needed repairs to the four pillars to the entrance of the Ira Nichols Outdoor Classroom (aka the Ira Nichols Wildflower and Bird Refuge). Kirk Rice made a motion to repair the four pillars with bricks as was done originally and the work to be done at a cost of $6,610.00 by Mason, Arnie Lindsay of Iowa Falls. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Other Items:** Other items discussed were rescheduling the July 14, 2020 Board Meeting to July 21, 2020 and the Director gave a Covid-19 update regarding the campgrounds. Board Member Verl Duncan submitted a letter resigning from the Hardin County Conservation Board due to health reasons. Trent Lambert has shifted duties from ex-officio member to board member. All was information only and no motions needed.

**Adjournment:** Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.