

Monday, April 13, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, April 13, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Verl Duncan, Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, Dennis Heetland, and Jessica Lara (via phone).

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Roadside/Wildlife Specialist Cory Engle, Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber and Interpretive Ranger Lucas Wagner.

Guests: Daisy Long Camp Host Todd Speicher, Marissa Davis and Hardin County Supervisors Renee McClellan and Ronn Rickels

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for April 13, 2015 and Dennis Heetland seconded. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Special Reports: All reports were given and read. Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve all special reports and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Rifle Range Lease: Pine Ridge Rifle Club Representatives Steve Priske and Randall Copeman were in attendance to renew their lease agreement. They signed the lease agreement, submitted a check and proof of insurance. They also requested approval for making improvements to the building at the range. A motion for approval was given by Sandy Trampe, followed with a second from Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Horse Trail Rides (Pine Lake Saddle Club): Tabled until the May 11, 2015 Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting.

Daisy Long Camp Host (Todd Speicher): Hosts Todd Speicher and Marissa Davis presented a proposal to maintain the Bates Trail. A contract would be drawn up to include a 2-year maintenance schedule and other items. Also a contribution would be sought from the Iowa River Greenbelt Resource Trust. Other items discussed were painting the shelter and new signage. A motion was made by Sandy Trampe, with a second from Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

IRVM Management Plan: Roadside/Wildlife Specialist Cory Engle discussed with board members the rough draft of the Management Plan for Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management. The board agreed to a further review of plan and to correspond via email. It was noted the June 1, 2015 deadline plus the Hardin County Board of Supervisors would have to approve the plan. Cory Engle also discussed applying for a Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) grant to provide storage for IRVM. Sandy Trampe made a motion and Allen Kadolph second. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Camping Rates (50-amp Service): There was discussion on raising the rate from \$15.00 per electrical camping site per day to \$20.00 per site, per day at Daisy Long and Pine Ridge Parks. The primitive sites will remain \$10.00. There was a motion made by Dennis Heetland and a second from Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Equipment Lease: Allen Kadolph presented quotes on different tractors from area dealers and after discussion it was decided to do a finance purchase on a new 2013 Farmall 105C tractor. The motion was made by Dennis Heetland and a second from Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

School House Property: Director Wes Wiese brought to the board's attention that a Spirit Lake gentleman is interested in purchasing the McCoy School House property. It was tabled until more information became available.

Other Items: Grant money was received from Prairie Rapids Audubon Society for the Pintail Wetland Platform. There will be Little Free Libraries at the camping sites this summer. Board members Allen Kadolph, Sandy Trampe and Verl Duncan took a class to build the Little Free Libraries. The Turkey Federation Banquet was held again in Ackley with Director Wes Wiese and Board members Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph and Jessica Lara lending a hand. The date for next year's banquet is scheduled for April 1, 2016. The Calkins museum expansion is looking at a late fall open house. Other items discussed were Tower Rock cabins update and Ragbri events. All was information only, no motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.