

Monday, August 10, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, August 10, 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, Allen Kadolph, Sandy Trampe, Jessica Lara (via phone), and Dennis Heetland.

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber, and Office Assistant Becky Frerichs.

Guests: Hardin County GIS Coordinator/IT Director Micah Cutler, Hardin County Supervisors Ronn Rickels and Renee McCellan.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 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 August 10, 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 Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Equipment Purchase – IRVM: The purchase of equipment for IRVM was canceled at this time. Director Wes Wiese informed the Board of a \$15,000 grant from the Living Roadway Trust Fund for an IRVM cold storage building. Sandy Trampe made a motion to obtain three construction bids for the project and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for McCoy School House Property Sale: A motion made by Allen Kadolph to set a public hearing for September 2, 2015 at 10:02 a.m. with the Hardin County Supervisors at the Hardin County Courthouse. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members vote aye. The motion carried.

Hunting Sites: With the 2015-2016 hunting season approaching, the Board discussed three sites to open to limited hunting to the public. The Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area would open the west 40-acres to hunting, the Pintail Wetland would open to pheasant hunting with steel-shot only and the Hoover Ruby Wildlife Area would open to turkey and/or deer only. A motion by Allen Kadolph to approve opening these areas to public hunting and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Cabin Rental Guidelines: The various forms that will be used for renting the cabins at Tower Rock were reviewed by the Board. With corrections to be made, the forms will be finalized at the September board meeting. Information only, no motion was needed.

Headquarters Landscaping: Landscaping at the Hardin County Conservation Headquarters was tabled until more bids could be acquired.

Conservation Logo: Tabled.

REAP Grant Approval: Allen Kadolph made a motion with a second from Sandy Trampe to approve the reworking of the HRDP (Historical Resource Development Program) Grant to County Conservation REAP (Resource Enhancement And Protection) Grant for the Calkins Nature Area Museum Expansion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Pine Ridge Dump Station: The purchase of property, tying in with Steamboat Rocks sewer system and the cost for a dump station for the Pine Ridge Park RV campers was discussed. Information only, no motion was needed.

Other Items: Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the Boards part of the payment for repairs to the County Bus. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Jessica Lara brought to the Boards attention of a community education program for Iowa Falls called LIFE Leadership Iowa Falls Experience. This was information only, no motion was needed.

The Hardin Hill Run set for September 26, 2015 is in need of volunteers. Who's in? Chairperson Verl Duncan and Board member Allen Kadolph were able to volunteer for the event.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.