

Monday, December 14, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, December 14, 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: Chairperson Verl Duncan, Vice-Chairperson Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph, and Sandy Trampe.

Board Members Absent: Jessica Lara.

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese and Office Assistant Becky Frerichs.

Guests: Ed Bear, Pine Ridge Rifle Club Representatives Steve Priske and Randall Copeman, ABATE Representative Rick Brockmeyer and Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting with one correction. 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 December 14, 2015. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Special Reports: All reports were given and read. Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve all special reports and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Ed Bear Property: Ed Bear was present to discuss with the Board the old County D-35 road that had been abandoned in 1957. The road is located between Ed Bear's property and Pine Ridge Park. It was discussed as to ownership and right-of-way of the road. Director Wes Wiese would contact Tina Schlemme at the Auditor's office to research ownership and right-of-way. This was information only and no motion was needed.

ABATE (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) – Brekke Park Playground Equipment: ABATE representative, Rick Brockmeyer was on hand to discuss with the Board the organization's mission statement and that they wanted to help provide support in fundraising or volunteering to have playground equipment placed at Brekke Park. Further research on playground equipment and liability would need to be done before proceeding with such a project. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Cost Share – Calkins Museum Curation: The Friends of Calkins Board has asked the Board to help with funding for the Calkins Museum Curation. Discussion was held with Dennis Heetland making a motion to help with funding. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Budget 2016-2017 Salaries: Discussion on Hardin County Conservation staff salaries for the upcoming year was held by the board. All was information only and in preparation for finalizing the 2016-2017 fiscal budget. No motion was needed.

Set Special Budget Meeting: The Board set the date of Monday, December 28, 2015 at 12 noon for a special budget meeting. It will be held at the Oak Cabin, Tower Rock Park, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Resource Agreement: The Resource Agreement for the Truax No-Till and Conventional Drills that is held between the Board and Eric Nielson was discussed. A motion was made by Sandy Trampe to terminate the agreement within 30-days. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Rifle Range Club: Steve Priske and Randall Copeman from the Pine Ridge Rifle Club were on hand to discuss with the Board their ideas on improving the rifle range. Creating berms, membership numbers, buffering noise, mowing costs and bridge work were among items discussed. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Other Items: Installing fencing on the river-side of the cabins at Tower Rock Park was discussed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.