

Monday, February 9, 2015  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, February 9, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by  
Chairperson Verl Duncan at 6:01 p.m. at Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Verl Duncan, Dennis Heetland, Jessica Lara and Sandy Trampe.

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

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting and the January 21, 2015 special meeting. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the claims for February 9, 2015 and Jessica Lara 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 Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**General Business**

**Bird Observatory Grant:** Discussion was held on obtaining a grant from Prairie Rapids Audubon Society for a bird watching observation platform to be built in the newly constructed Pintail Wetlands. Dennis Heetland made a motion to pursue the grant with a second from Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Tobacco:** Wes Wiese had a phone conversation with Terry Terrone, Administrator for Greenbelt Homecare, who wanted the board to consider going smoke free/tobacco free in Hardin County parks. Discussion by board members felt it was good idea but they had many concerns on enforcement, infringement of privacy and economic impact. No motion was needed.

**Wetland Agreement:** Discussion was held on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Hardin County Conservation Board. Jessica Lara made the motion to accept, with clarification of #4a and #5 of the Memorandum. Sandy Trampe seconded the motion. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Radio Show Sponsorship:** It was discussed to again have a radio sponsorship this year and all members thought it is a good way to promote Hardin County Conservation. Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the sponsorship with a second from Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Other Items:** Updates on FEMA money, bids that are coming in for the cabins construction at Tower Rock and the raising of the fee for the 50-amp campsites were discussed. Also discussed was an update on the Trail Run which is scheduled for the last weekend of September. These were information only, no action was needed.

**Adjournment:** Dennis Heetland made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.