

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

The Monday, July 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, Allen Kadolph, Jessica Lara and Dennis Heetland.
Absent: Sandy Trampe

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

Guests: Jon Kies, Hardin County GIS Coordinator/Geographer Micah Cutler, Richard Eller, Creative Solutions Unlimited, Inc. Designer Sohrab Daver, Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels and John Gelhaus.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried

Approval of Claims: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for July 13, 2015 and Dennis Heetland seconded. 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

Open McCoy School House Property Bids @ 7:20 p.m.: Bids for the McCoy School House Property were opened at 7:20 p.m. There were two bids. The first bid was from John Gelhaus for \$100.00 and the second bid was from Richard Eller for \$1,111.00. Discussion was held by board members on the merits of both bids. Dennis Heetland made the motion to accept the second bid from Richard Eller in the amount of \$1,111.00 and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried. The sale of the property now must have the Hardin County Supervisors approval and a public hearing must be set.

Wood Cutting Waiver – Jon Kies: Jon Kies presented to the board a proposal to harvest downed trees on site specific county conservation property for his personal use (home heating). He also submitted a Wood Cutting Waiver for the board to review. The motion was tabled until the county insurance company can review all aspects of liability.

Hardin County Conservation Website: Sohrab Daver, a designer with Creative Solutions Unlimited, Inc. of Sheffield, Iowa, presented a proposal for updating the Hardin County Conservation's website. This update would include many new features plus Tower Rock Cabin One and Three rental reservations, secure payment and much more. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the Responsive Design Proposal and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Trail Ride Request – Ackley Saddle Club: Ackley Saddle Club requested trail rides for Saturday, August 15, 2015 and Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. Dennis Heetland made the motion to accept the dates for the trail rides and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Open Hay Bids: The open hay bids were for the Anders Wildlife Area (11 ½ Acres) and/or the Hilker Farm (16 Acres). Russ Rodamaker placed a bid for \$35.00 per acre for the Anders Wildlife Area and Steve Schnormeier placed a bid for \$60.00 per acre for the Hilker Farm and \$45.00 per acre for the Anders Wildlife Area. Allen Kadolph made the motion to accept both of Steve Schnormeier’s bids and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Emerson Calkins Trust – Name a Classroom: The naming of the classroom at Calkins Interpretive Center after Emerson Calkins was discussed by the board members. A motion was made by Jessica Lara and a second by Allen Kadolph to name the classroom, Emerson Calkins, with concerns that The Friends of Calkins utilize a portion of the funds given towards the completion of the Calkins Museum expansion. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Bigelow Park Improvement: Director Wes Wiese brought to board’s attention a possible donation that would go towards building a boat ramp at the Bigelow Park in Alden. The donation would come from a group of Alden area residents. It was tabled until further research could be done on the cost and permits required for such a project.

Other Items: The annual 2015 Fall Conference of Iowa’s County Conservation System will be held September 17-19, 2015. Registration Deadline is August 17, 2015. No motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.