

Monday, June 8, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, June 8, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by
Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:03 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Verl Duncan, Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, and Dennis Heetland. Absent:
Jessica Lara

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Blake
Harris and Interpretive Ranger Lucas Wagner.

Guests: Susan DeVries and Becky and Gary Rose.

Public Comment: Susan DeVries addressed the board on her concerns over the Shooting Range at Pine
Ridge Park in Steamboat Rock. Director Wes Wiese will talk with Pine Ridge Rifle Club and research
possibilities of noise barrier fencing.

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015
meeting. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried. A motion by Allen
Kadolph was made to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015 with a correction. 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 June 8, 2015 and Sandy
Trampe 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

McCoy School House Property: The board reviewed Hardin County's policy for the sale of
county owned public property. A motion was made by Dennis Heetland to start the process to sell the
McCoy School House Property by setting a hearing date with the Hardin County Board of Supervisors.
Sandy Trampe seconded the motion. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Tower Rock Cabins: Gary and Becky Rose were present to discuss the cleaning service for the
cabins. They presently clean the Pine Lake State Park cabins and gave the board insight into contract
agreements, duties and compensation of a cleaning service. Further discussion on proposed cabin rental
reservation guidelines, cabin names, general rules, cleaning rules and security were held. Also appliance
estimates for the cabins were discussed with a motion by Allen Kadolph not to exceed \$2,100.00 for both
cabins. Dennis Heetland seconded the motion. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Pine Ridge Landscaping: Ross Excavating & Drainage of Eldora, Iowa submitted an estimate of
\$3,000.00 to bury tree stumps, restack and burn brush piles at Pine Ridge Park. After discussion, a motion
by Sandy Trampe and a second by Allen Kadolph to accept the estimate with work being done in the
2015-2016 fiscal year. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Headquarters Landscaping: Discussions on landscaping the front of the Headquarters office to include a porch overhang was tabled to a later date.

Other Items: Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris presented to the board the condition of the Sac & Fox horse trails. It was suggested to set-up a meeting with the Pine Lake Saddle Club and to look into possible grant money for maintaining the horse trails. Allen Kadolph made a motion to close some of the steep areas of the trail. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried. Blake also discussed with the board the status of the invasive Garlic Mustard weed. This was information only, no motion needed.

Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris also asked the board to approve the purchase of pollinator seed mix for 6 acres at \$120.00 per acre for the Sac/Fox Overlook. This seed mix will attract an assortment of pollinating insects like monarchs and honey bees. Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve with a second from Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

The board discussed the fiscal year end purchase of a 2015 Ford F-150 pickup. With the supervisors' prior approval, Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the purchase and Dennis Heetland seconded it. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Director Wes Wiese discussed with board members how the Calkins Nature Center Museum Expansion fundraising is going and the landscaping that Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber has been getting accomplished. All information only, no motion needed.

Also discussed were the Hardin Hill Run that is scheduled September 26, 2015 and the clean-up of barrels that the Southfork Watershed group had done in the Southfork. Arrangements were made with the landfill to accept the barrels for disposal. All information only, no motion needed.

Adjournment: Dennis Heetland made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.