Monday, May 11, 2015 Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, May 11, 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, Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, and Dennis Heetland. **Staff Members:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris and Interpretive Ranger Lucas Wagner.

Guests: Connie Wubbena, Duane Wubbena, Darrell Shane with Pine Lake Saddle Club and Daisy Long Camp Hosts Todd Speicher and Marissa Davis.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting with a spelling correction. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for May 11, 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

Horse Trail Rides (Pine Lake Saddle Club): The Pine Lake Saddle Club requested the following dates and areas for their trail rides this year: July 19, 2015 at the Leverton and Rainsbarger areas, September 20, 2015 at Sylvan Hill and October 3, 2015 at the Leverton and Rainsbarger areas. A motion was given by Dennis Heetland and a second by Sandy Trampe to approve dates and locations. All members voted aye, motion carried

Pine Ridge (Garlic Mustard): Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris presented maps of areas affected with Garlic Mustard and he discussed how aggressive and invasive the weed is. Also discussed is the importance of informing and educating the public and on having a possible quarantine for the affected areas. This was information only, no motion needed at this time.

Tower Rock Cabins (Rental Guidelines): Director Wes Wiese presented cabin rental guidelines and numerous examples of cabin descriptions, fees, refund policy, cancellation policy, hours of operation, reservation forms, rental checklist, general and cleaning rules. Also discussed were estimates for the appliances for the cabins. All was information only, no motion needed at this time.

McCoy School House Property: Further discussion on the possible sale of the McCoy School House Property was held with Director Wes Wiese checking into what the Hardin County Policy is on property sale. All was information and no motion was needed.

Closed Session: A motion was given by Verl Duncan and a second by Allen Kadolph to go into Closed Session for the possible anonymous donation of property pursuant to Section 21.5 Subsection (1) Paragraph (j) OF THE CODE OF IOWA. Roll call vote: "Ayes" Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, Dennis Heetland, and Chairperson Verl Duncan, "Nays" none. Motion carried. Closed session began at 7:19 pm. Following discussion the closed session ended and entered into regular session at 7:34 pm with a motion by Dennis Heetland and a second by Allen Kadolph. A roll call vote: "Ayes" Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, Dennis Heetland and Chairperson Verl Duncan "Nays" none. A motion to accept the donation was given by Sandy Trampe with a second from Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Other Items: A dump station at Pine Ridge Park, shooting range noise, Ragbri reservations at Pine Ridge Park and water treatment for headquarters were discussed. All was information only, no motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.