Monday, October 12, 2015 Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, October 12, 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, Sandy Trampe, and Jessica Lara.

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs and Interpretive Park Ranger Lucas Wagner.

Guests: Jonas Lara, Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels and Pine Lake Saddle Club President Lucas Smith.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 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 October 12, 2015. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. 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

Pine Lake Saddle Club: Pine Lake Saddle Club President Lucas Smith was in attendance to discuss their Sunday, October 4, 2015 trail ride. There were 130 riders with three accidents on the trail ride. Also discussed was the importance of communication and working together between the Pine Lake Saddle Club and Hardin County Conservation.

IWILL Resolution: Discussion was held on the Boards support of Iowa's County Conservation System resolution to fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund for 2016. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve support of the resolution and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Headquarters Landscaping: Discussion was held on the estimates for adding a covered porch to the front of headquarters. Estimates came in from Penning Construction of Wellsburg, Iowa and England Contracting of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the Penning Construction estimate with a second by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Pine Ridge Sewer Project: A consensus by the Board is to go ahead with the RV dump station project subject to the final price and financing. No motion was needed at this time.

Other Items: The Hardin County Conservation Boarding meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. year round. Calkins Nature Area is holding their Annual Halloween Hike on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Calkins Nature Area. They are still in need of volunteers to help at the event. The director received three cleaning contractor resumes for the cleaning of the Tower Rock Cabins. There will be an Open House at the Tower Rock Cabins on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Adjournment: Dennis Heetland made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.