

Monday, September 14, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, September 14, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Board Member Dennis Heetland at 7:02 p.m. at Headquarters.

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

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

Guests: Kevin Kuehn, Brent Vaughan, Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels, Bob and Marcia Renken.

Public Comment: Guests Kevin Kuehn and Brent Vaughan were present to address the board on the hunting status of Hoover Ruby Wildlife Area. The Board informed them that the area will be open to turkey and/or deer only for the 2015-2016 hunting season.

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting and to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 Special Meeting. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried

Approval of Claims: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for September 14, 2015 with the addition of one claim and the holding of one check. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Special Reports: All reports were given and read. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve all special reports and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Finalize Tower Rock Cabin Guidelines: Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the Tower Rock Cabin Rental, Reservation and Responsibility Agreement with changes, the Tower Rock Cabin Rules and Rental Agreement and the Tower Rock Cabin Rental Cleaning Checklist. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the Cabin Cleaning Contract Agreement with changes. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on purchasing gutters for the cabins, with two companies' submitting estimates. Sandy Trampe made a motion to go with Seamless Gutterworks of Iowa which is located in Iowa Falls, IA. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried

Headquarters Landscaping: Landscaping Hardin County Conservation Headquarters was tabled at this time.

Calkins Apartment: Discussion was held on the remodeling the apartment at Calkins Nature Area into a storage area and a smaller living space for seasonal interns. There was a consensus by the board members present to go ahead with the project.

Sac/Fox Update: The 5K & 15K Hardin Hill Run, which will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, was discussed by Board members. It will start at Pine Ridge Park, cross the Iowa River to Sac/Fox Overlook and turn north to Sand Springs Wildlife Area. The area is very hilly with a total elevation rise and fall around 1,600 feet for the 15K race and the 5K race which will stay within the Pine Ridge Park is at an elevation rise and fall of around 500 feet. This was all information only, no motion was needed.

Discussion on Hardin City Access: Allen Kadolph made a motion to pursue the reopening of the Hardin City Boat Access. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried. There was a consensus by the board members present that the cleanup of the area be done by responsible parties.

Other Items: With the \$15,000 grant from the Living Roadway Trust Fund, Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the bid from Midwest Buildings, Inc. of Cedar Falls, IA to construct the IRVM cold storage building at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Also discussed was the purchase of a skid-loader for Calkins Nature Area. It was tabled at this time.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.