

Monday, April 11, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, April 11, 2016 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-Chair Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, Dennis Heetland, and Jessica Lara.

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Guests: Steve Campbell, Jaysen Campbell, and Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the claims for April 11, 2016. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Sandy Trampe to amend the claims for April 11, 2016 with the addition of a claim from Nomadica Tipi Makers LLC of Bend, Oregon in the amount of \$1,825.00. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. 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 Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

MTB Group/Reece Park: Steve Campbell and Jaysen Campbell associated with a mountain bike organization from Iowa Falls, Iowa was on hand to discuss with the Board their desire to develop bike trails at Reece Park. The organization is grassroots' and volunteer driven. The bikes that would be used on these trails have a tire width of 3" or wider. A motion by Allen Kadolph to allow the development of bike trails at Reece Park with the stipulation that it be experimental and that there be oversight by the Director and Natural Resource Manager. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Donation/Friends of Calkins: Discussion by the Board was held on the possible donation toward the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) study at Calkins Nature Area. At this point in time it was felt that with the construction of a storage/shop building at Calkins Nature Area and other expenses that the Board would be unable to fit the donation into an already extended budget. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Intern Housing/Calkins Nature Area: It was discussed by the Board that an intern housing agreement at Calkins Nature Area would not be needed this year. No motion was needed.

Hardin Hill Run Vendor: A motion was tabled until further information was provided on the possible sponsorship and/or donation by such a vendor for the Hardin Hill Run which is to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Strategic Planning: The Board asked the Director to set a date in June for a strategic planning meeting and to email each Board member the date, time and place. No motion was needed.

Other Items: With Continuing Education at Ellsworth Community College and Interpretive Park Manager, Chris Barber there is five monthly conservation outings planned. A Spring Wildflower Walk (4/23), Iowa River Streamside Sampling (5/21), a Little Walk on the Prairie (6/18), A Land Before Time: an exploration of the state's prehistory (7/30) and Kayak/Canoe Iowa River Exploration (8/27) are scheduled. Also discussed was the Ulch Collection at Calkins Nature Area and the possibility of future artifacts. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.