

Monday, February 8, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, January 8, 2016 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was rescheduled to Thursday, February 11, 2016 and was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Sandy Trampe at 7:07 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Vice-Chairperson Sandy Trampe, Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph, and Jessica Lara.

Board Members Absent: Chairperson Verl Duncan.

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

Guests: Alan and Judy Staples, Darren Kube and Hardin County Supervisor Ronn Rickels.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the claims for February 11, 2016. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

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

General Business

Open Mowing Bids: Mowing bids were opened and discussed by the Board. The 2016 mowing season contract was changed from previous years to reflect three groups of areas that could be bid on. The bidder could bid on one group or all three. The contract for group one was awarded to Lawns for Less of Ackley, Iowa with a motion by Jessica Lara. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye and the motion carried. The contract for group two was awarded to LaVelle Lawn Care of Eldora, Iowa with a motion by Allen Kadolph. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried. The contract for group three was awarded to LaVelle Lawn Care of Eldora, Iowa with a motion by Dennis Heetland. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Steamboat Rock/Pine Ridge Sewer Project: The Board discussed the progression and any updates on the Steamboat Rock/Pine Ridge Sewer project. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Coyote Hunting Policy: Alan and Judy Staples were on hand to discuss with the Board the recent encounters they have had with groups of coyote hunters and their dogs trespassing on private property. The Staples' also expressed their concerns with the large numbers of dogs in such close proximity to Reece Park and the possible impact to the public. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Other Items: Operation Releaf is a partnership initiative funded by Alliant Energy and administered by the Iowa DNR Bureau of Forestry and the Hardin County Conservation to help Alliant customers to save energy by planting shade trees and windbreaks. Also discussed was a program to have monthly conservation outings (examples: wildflower walk, canoeing) from April thru August in conjunction with Continuing Ed. at Ellsworth Community College. Staff salaries were also discussed. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.