

Monday, June 13, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, June 13, 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, Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph and Jessica Lara.

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Attending: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs and Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber.

Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2016 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 June 13, 2016. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. 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

Hay Bids: There were only two bids this year from Steve Schnormeier of Hubbard, Iowa. His bids were \$50.00 per acre for the 16-acres at the Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area and \$30.00 per acre for the 11 ½ -acres at the Anders Wildlife Area. Allen Kadolph made the motion to accept the bids from Steve Schnormeier. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Hardin City Access: Discussion was held by the Board to pursue the reopening of the Hardin City Access. At this point in time the Board is waiting on the opinion of the State District Attorney. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Bates Park Wedding June 9 & 10, 2017: Director Wes Wiese was contacted on the possibility of reserving the David Bates Park for a wedding on June 9 & 10 of 2017. Further information was needed before a decision could be addressed. No motion was needed at this time.

Sac & Fox Concrete: Tabled.

Hardin Hill Run Vendor: Tabled.

Geocache Permit: This was tabled as no permit was submitted.

Other Items: Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber was on hand to present the finalized museum design plans, cost and available funds to the Board. The consensus of the Board was an approval of the design plans for the new exhibits in the museum expansion at Calkins Nature Area.

There was a consensus by the Board to make the Case-IH Tractor payment in the 2015/2016 Fiscal year if funds were available. Also discussed were other fiscal year-end items. All was information only, no motion needed.

An upcoming event for Calkins Nature Area is the 4th Annual Fundraiser Bluegrass & BBQ presented by the Friends of Calkins. It is set for Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 2:00-6:00 pm.

Hardin County Conservation is holding its 2nd Annual Hardin Hill Run which is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016. More information is coming soon on this event.

One last item discussed was the shelter that will be built at Meier's Wildlife Refuge by Eagle Scout Troop 334. The original size proposed was approximately 12' x 24'. It was a consensus of the Board to have the size of the shelter increased to 20' x 30' and the Board would cover the extra expense. Director Wes Wiese would be in contact with the Maakesteds and Troop 334.

Adjournment: Sandy Trampe made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.