

Monday, March 14, 2016  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, March 14, 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, and Jessica Lara.

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Heetland.

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

**Guests:** Steve Campbell, Jaysen Campbell, Libby Caplan and Creative Solutions Unlimited, Inc. Designer Sohrab Daver.

**Public Comment:** The Winter Recreation Festival committee members Steve Campbell, Jayson Campbell and Libby Caplan were on hand to thank the Board and to discuss the success of the Festival that was held in January. They also discussed the possibilities of bike rides on county trails. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting with corrections to the Open Mowing Bids. 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 March 14, 2016. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. 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**

**Tower Rock Cabin Deposit:** Sohrab Daver, the designer for Creative Solutions Unlimited, Inc., was present to discuss with the Board the possible up-grades to the Tower Rock Cabins reservation process on the Hardin County Conservation website. Also discussed were the cost of rental and the deposit of the cabins. Jessica Lara made a motion to increase the rental cost of the cabins from \$75.00 to \$85.00 per day with no deposit required. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

**Establish Wildlife Refuge/Anders Wildlife Area:** It was a consensus of the Board to create a wildlife refuge on a portion of the Anders Wildlife Area. There would be signs posted to close that portion to pheasant hunting.

**Intern Housing/Calkins Nature Area:** The discussion on intern housing at Calkins Nature Area was tabled until the April 11, 2016 Board meeting so further information on a rental agreement could be obtained.

**Hardin County Employee Handbook:** The Board discussed the new Hardin County Employee Handbook and Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the handbook. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, except Jessica Lara who abstained. The motion carried.

**Other Items:** Other items discussed were the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet that was held Friday, March 4, 2016. Board members and staff present at the banquet were Allen Kadolph, Dennis Heetland, Wes Wiese, Craig Boomgarden, Blake Harris, Luke Wagner and Cory Engle. The Operation ReLeaf trees are scheduled to be picked up at Calkins Nature Area on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. The Hardin County 2016/2017 Fiscal Budget was approved. Also discussed was Meier Wildlife Refuge is in need of rock on the parking area and whether or not to return a port-a-potty to Logsdon Park. All was information only and no motion needed.

**Adjournment:** Jessica Lara made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.