

Monday, May 9, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, May 9, 2016 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:03 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chairperson Verl Duncan, Vice-Chair Sandy Trampe, and Dennis Heetland.

Board Members Absent: Allen Kadolph and Jessica Lara.

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

Guests: Jim & Wendy Maakestad, James Maakestad, Jake Maakestad, Steve Priske and Randy Copeman.

Public Comment: None.

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

Approval of Claims: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the claims for May 9, 2016. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. 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 Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Eagle Scout Project: James Maakestad and Jake Maakestad of Eagle Scout Troop 334 were on hand to present their project for constructing a shelter at Meier Wildlife Refuge. The structure would be approximately 12' x 24' and Concrete, Inc. has donated 4 sq. yards of concrete. The project would be completed this year. Dennis Heetland made a motion to approve the go ahead on the project. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Annual Pine Ridge Rifle Range Lease: Pine Ridge Rifle Club Representatives Steve Priske and Randy Copeman were in attendance to renew the club's lease agreement. They signed the lease agreement, submitted a check and proof of insurance. The Club had Cooley's out to service the port-a-potty and would be having a work day on May 21, 2016. Also discussed was the noise reduction at the range. A motion for approval of the lease agreement was given by Sandy Trampe, followed with a second from Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Fencing/Tower Rock Cabins: The Board discussed the addition of chain-link fencing (color-green) to the north side of the Hickory cabin along the bluff at Tower Rock Park. It was estimated at \$3,000.00 to purchase and construct the fence. Sandy Trampe made a motion to

approve the addition of chain-link fencing and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Native Grass Drill: Discussion by the Board on the status of the native grass drop-seeder. Whether to sell or continue to use, charge \$20.00 per acre rental or leave at \$10.00 per acre were topics of conversation. All was information only, no motion needed.

Revised Park Regulations Brochure: The Board reviewed the updated Park Regulations Brochure and Dennis Heetland made a motion to approve the brochure with corrections. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Other Items: Operation ReLeaf a partnership initiative funded by Alliant Energy and administered by Iowa DNR and Hardin County Conservation along with Calkins Nature Area, sold 250 trees to area Alliant customers.

William Borg Schmitt, a musician and adventurer, will host a one hour concert at Pine Ridge Park on Thursday, June 30, 2016. His goal is to coordinate a tour of all 99 counties in Iowa. All was information only, no motion needed.

Adjournment: Dennis Heetland made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.