

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

The Monday, November 14, 2016 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Verl Duncan at 7:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Guests: Supervisor Ronn Rickels and Duane Wubbena.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the claims for November 14, 2016. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, the 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 Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

General Business

Winter Rec Fest/Iowa Falls: Dennis Heetland made a motion to approve that the Winter Rec Fest be allowed to use existing trails in the Ira Nichols Outdoor Classroom, weather permitting, for one of the events planned for the 2017 Festival. Sandy Trampe seconded the motion. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Iowa DOT/Rainsbarger Wildlife Area Mitigation Agreement: Director Wes Wiese presented a letter from Marc Solberg, Office of Location & Environment-Iowa DOT, as it pertains to the 2009 Rainsbarger Wildlife Area Mitigation Agreement. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Hardin City River Access: Allen Kadolph made a motion to direct Hardin County Attorney Richard Dunn to proceed with legal action to resolve the Hardin City River Access dispute. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

2017/2018 Budget Planning/CDs: Discussion was held on planning the 2017/2018 Conservation Budget and other items pertaining to the budget. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Equipment Needs: Calkins Nature Area is in need of utility tractor for the various outdoor projects and trail grooming. The Board discussed implementing a tractor into the 2017/2018 budget. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Director's Evaluation: The Board reviewed the annual Director's Evaluation and discussed the past year's job performance of the Director. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Other Items: At the next board meeting on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Holiday potluck at the Headquarters.

Chair Verl Duncan will be reapplying for appointment to the Hardin County Conservation Board.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.