

Monday, October 10, 2016  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Sac & Fox Park Tour at 5:00 p.m. was cancelled.

The Monday, October 10, 2016 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:01 p.m. at Headquarters.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Lara.

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

**Guests:** Supervisor Ronn Rickels.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for October 10, 2016. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the 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, the motion carried. An update was given by Director Wes Wiese on the Hardin City Access. It was information only, no motion needed.

### **General Business**

**Hoover Ruby Lease:** An update on the Hoover Ruby lease was discussed. The Hoover Ruby farm lease and the Hardin County Home farm lease will be offered and again it will be a two-year bid for both leases. More details are to come and all was information only, no motion needed.

**Flood Damage/Needed Repairs:** Director Wes Wiese reported on the flood damage and needed repairs. Parks with damage, but not limited to, are David Bates Park, Bigelow Park, Cross' Ford River Access, Eagle City and Pine Ridge Park. There is rock erosion, sand/silt settlement and picnic tables missing. All was information only, no motion needed.

**Leverton Timber/Rainsbarger Wildlife Area:** Discussion was held on the extensive damage done to Leverton Timber and Rainsbarger Wildlife Area due to the October 2, 2016 Pine Lake Saddle Club trail ride. The ride was denied permission due to the very wet conditions and flooding (Monday, September 2, 2016 Minutes, rescheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2016).

Allen Kadolph made the motion to close Leverton Timber and Rainsbarger Wildlife Area to horses and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

**Other Items:** The grant money that came from Prairie Rapids Audubon Society and the Iowa Ornithologist's Union will be used to construct an observation tower at the Pintail Wetland. Also the FFA of AGWSR will begin staining the observation deck at Pintail Wetland this fall. All was information only.

Director Wes Wiese brought to the Boards attention the possibility of advertising the Tower Rock Cabins and the Calkins Museum in the *Iowa Outdoors* magazine. Dennis Heetland made a motion to approve the 1/2 page, two-time ad at a price of \$860.00. It will run in the March/April and May/June 2017 issues. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Interpretive Park Ranger Luke Wagner was on hand to discuss the October 22, 2016 Halloween Hike at Calkins Nature Area. Also discussed was the Winter Rec Fest in Iowa Falls. All was information only.

Also discussed was an update on the Eagle Scout Troop 334 construction project of a shelter at Meier Wildlife Refuge and the upcoming events for the Iowa River Trail-Hardin Project.

**Adjournment:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.