

Monday, September 12, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting
Rescheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016

The Monday, September 12, 2016 (rescheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016) meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:02 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chairperson Verl Duncan, Dennis Heetland and Allen Kadolph.

Board Members Absent: Vice-Chairperson Sandy Trampe and Jessica Lara.

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

Guests: Supervisor Ronn Rickels.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the claims for September 12, 2016. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. 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 Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Chair Verl Duncan and Vice-Chair Sandy Trampe attended the 2016 IACCB Conference for the day on Friday, September 16, 2016. Also discussed was an update on the construction of a new wetland along County Hwy. D15. All was information only.

General Business

Pine Lake Saddle Club: The Pine Lake Saddle Club Board of Directors requested permission to ride through Rainsbarger Wildlife Area and Leverton Timber on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2, 2016 for their All Day Ride. Allen Kadolph made the motion to deny the ride on any Hardin County Conservation grounds due to the very wet conditions and flooding that has occurred in recent weeks. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Iowa Natural Heritage Membership Renewal: The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation membership was up for renewal. Dennis Heetland made a motion to renew the membership for \$300.00 and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Equipment Purchase: Director Wes Wiese brought to the Boards attention the need of a good used washing machine for here at Headquarters. Allen Kadolph made the motion to purchase a washing machine for \$100.00 or less. Dennis Heetland seconded the motion. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Staining Pintail Observation Deck: Discussion was held on staining the Pintail Observation Deck. Dennis Heetland had spoken with James Abbas, instructor for the FFA at AGWSR, and the group is looking for a service project. It was a consensus by the Board to have a sealant applied instead of staining and if the FFA group would do the project, the Board would supply the product and supplies. No motion was needed.

Rain Gutter/New Addition at Headquarters: Seamless Gutterworks Company of Iowa Falls gave an estimate for gutters, downspouts and leaf guard for the new addition at headquarters. Allen Kadolph made a motion to accept the estimate and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Conservation Logo: Discussion was held on having a new Hardin County Conservation Logo created. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Ruby Lease Termination: Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve that approximately 9 acres of the original Hoover Ruby lease, that is located east of the house, will be turned into native prairie. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried. The Hoover Ruby lease termination on the approximately 40 remaining acres was tabled until the October 10, 2016 board meeting.

Other Items: The Hardin Hill Run is set for September 24, 2016. The route for the 15K had to be rerouted because of the flooding at Pine Ridge Park and other areas. Chair Verl Duncan, Board Members Dennis Heetland (who is signed up for the 5K race) and Allen Kadolph will be attending the event. HCC staff in attendance will be Director Wes Wiese, Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber, Interpretive Park Ranger Luke Wagner, Interpretive Program Assistant Davis Horton and Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris.

Director Wes Wiese received an email from Tom Hazelton of My County Parks to inform us that Hardin County Conservation Board has been awarded the 1st Place Habitat Improvement Award for FY2016 as presented by the Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League of America. The award will be presented at the next District 1 meeting.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.