

Monday, February 13, 2017  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, February 13, 2017 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 7:01 p.m. at Headquarters.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Verl Duncan.

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

**Guests:** Nick LaVelle of LaVelle Lawn Care, Darren Kube of Lawns for Less and Duane Wubben.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the claims for February 13, 2017. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Special Reports:** All reports were given and read. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve all special reports and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**D15 Wetland Project:** Discussion was held by the Board on the North American Conservation Act Proposal Partner Contribution Statement. The statement pertains to the Kiburz acquisition project. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the Statement and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Open Park Mowing Bids:** Park mowing bids were received from Drury Lawncare & Snow Removal, LaVelle Lawn Care LLC, Lawns for Less and JT Enterprises. The bids were opened and discussed by the Board. The 2017 park mowing season again reflects three groups of areas that could be bid on. The bidder could bid on one group or all three groups.

The contract for group one was awarded to Darren Kube/Lawns for Less of Ackley, Iowa with a motion by Jessica Lara. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Group two was awarded to Nick LaVelle/LaVelle Lawn Care of Eldora, Iowa with a motion by Jessica Lara and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Group three was awarded to Nick LaVelle/LaVelle Lawn Care of Eldora, Iowa with a motion by Jessica Lara. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

**2017 Campground Policies & Rates:** Campground policies and rates were reviewed by the board. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the 2017 camping rates (\$15.00/30-amp, \$20.00/50-amp and \$10.00/tent) for Pine Ridge Park and Daisy Long Park. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried. It was the consensus by the Board that any and all social media sites as pertains to either Pine Ridge Park or Daisy Long Park must be approved by the Director. It is preferred that existing Hardin County Conservation sites be used.

**Amendment to March 14, 2016 Minutes:** The Board discussed and took no action on amending the minutes of March 14, 2016.

**Tower Rock Cabins Brochure:** The new Tower Rock Cabins Brochure was presented to the Board for review. No motion was needed.

**Cabin Furniture:** The need for furniture at the Hickory Cabin was discussed by the Board. No motion was needed.

**2017 Projects:** Director Wes Wiese discussed with the Board projects that will be tabled for 2017, they are the goat grazing and the Hardin Hill Run. No motion was needed. The observation tower for Pintail Wetlands was tabled until the March 13, 2017 Board Meeting.

**Other Items:** The purchase of a utility tractor for Calkins Nature Area, which was on the November 14, 2016 Agenda, was discussed by the Board. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 John Deere 3038E Compact Utility Tractor (30 PTO hp). It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.