

Monday, January 9, 2017
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, January 9, 2017 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Verl Duncan at 7:01 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 Renee McClellan, James Maakestad, Jake Maakestad, Jim & Wendy Maakestad, Jon Heitland, Steve Throssel and Josh McConaughy of The Archaeological Conservancy.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 27, 2016 and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the claims for January 9, 2017. 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 Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

General Business

HCCB Chair: Allen Kadolph made a motion to appoint Sandy Trampe as Chair and Jessica Lara as Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye and the motion carried. Also noted was former Chair Verl Duncan was appointed to the Hardin County Conservation Board for the next five years.

2016 Annual Report: Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the 2016 Hardin County Conservation Annual Report and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

The Archaeological Conservancy: Jon Heitland of Iowa Falls, Steve Throssel of Eldora and Josh McConaughy of The Archaeological Conservancy were on hand to discuss with the Board the Archaeological Conservancy's interest in acquiring the Indian Mounds that are located on the Hunt Property. Also an update was given by Steve Throssel on the issues concerning the Greenbelt Trust. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Cabin Purchase: Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 14' x 24' log cabin for \$7,500.00 from Winterview Trailer Sales & Service of Hubbard, IA. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Eagle Scout Troop 334 Project: James Maakastad and Jake Maakastad of Eagle Scout Troop 334 were on hand to thank the Board for the opportunity to construct the shelter at Meier Wildlife Refuge, Hubbard, IA. They brought pictures to show the Board the progress of the construction from beginning to end. It was the consensus of the Board that the job was well done and the fund raising efforts of the Troop were exceptional. The Troop also purchased a grill to be installed near the shelter. This coming spring, there will be a ceremony to commemorate the Troop's efforts. All was information only, no motion was needed.

Other Items: Allen Kadolph presented the design update for the new wetland which will be located along county road D-15 between Iowa Falls and Ackley. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Supervisor Renee McClellan was on hand to discuss the recent visit the Supervisors had with a representative from Ellsworth Community College on the Vocational Training and Continuing Education at the college. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Also discussed was the repairs done by Barnhart Electric of Iowa Falls to the in-floor heat at Headquarters. This was information only and no motion was needed.

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