

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

The Monday, March 13, 2017 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 7:00 p.m. at Calkins Nature Area.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Heetland.

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber, Interpretive Program Assistant Davis Horton and Office Assistant Becky Frerichs.

**Guests:** Kirk Rice of Iowa Falls, Douglas and Mary Phillips of Zearing.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

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

**General Business**

**Arthur Hilker Farm:** Douglas and Mary Phillips were on hand to discuss with the Board the drainage problems that have been occurring on their farm which is adjacent to the Arthur Hilker Farm. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Truax Drill Rental Rate:** After discussion, Verl Duncan made the motion to increase the Truax Drill rental rate from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per acre with a minimum of \$100.00 and a deposit of \$200.00. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

**CD Maturity/March 29, 2017:** The Certificate of Deposit that matures on March 29, 2017 was discussed by the Board. Verl Duncan made a motion that \$30,000.00 of the \$104,317.26 CD would be put into savings and the remaining \$74,317.26 would be placed into another 12 or 18 month CD. Allen Kadolph seconded the motion. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

**Observation Tower/Pintail Wetland:** Mike Halsey of Eagle Scout Troop 334 has offered to build the observation tower at Pintail Wetland as an Eagle Scout project. The building material was purchased with grant money from the Prairie Rapids Audubon Society and Iowa Ornithologist Union. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Property Discussion:** Director Wes Wiese brought to the Boards attention that Hardin County Conservation owns approximately eight-acres of ground along the Iowa River in Hardin County. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Other Items:** Other items discussed were the housing arrangement for the Interpretive Summer Intern at Calkins Nature Area. Also discussed was that Craig & Diana Sprain of Dows, IA and Terry & Beverly Juhl of Hansell, IA have been hired as the Daisy Long Park Hosts.

**Adjournment:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.