

Monday, October 8, 2018  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, October 8, 2018 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Dennis Heetland at 7:01 p.m. at Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Sandy Trampe, Verl Duncan and Allen Kadolph

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Lara

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

**Guests:** Lucas Smith of Pine Lake Saddle Club

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the October 8, 2018 monthly claims. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Monthly Reports:** All reports were given and read. Verl Duncan also reported on the 2018 IACCB Annual Conference that was held September 19-21, 2018 by the Polk County Conservation Board. Next year's conference will be held September 17-19, 2019 by the Muscatine & Louisa County Conservation Boards. Verl Duncan made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**deNeui Easement:** Per a phone conversation, Robert deNeui of Ackley had previously spoke with Director Wes Wiese on the condition of his driveway which is also an easement for Hardin County Conservation. After the Board discussed the issues, Allen Kadolph made a motion to deny the request for driveway repair. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Pine Lake Saddle Club:** Lucas Smith was on hand to discuss with the Board the possibility of other date(s) that their Annual All-Day Trail ride could be held. The trail ride that was scheduled for October 6-7, 2018 was cancelled due to rain. After further discussion, Verl Duncan made a motion to approve the rain-dates of October 27-28, 2018 with, again, weather permitting and to be in contact with Director Wes Wiese. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Taylor Timber:** Director Wes Wiese gave further up-dates to the Board on the possibility of purchasing the approximately 44-acres of timber from the Taylor Family. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Headquarters Heating System:** Two Estimates were presented to the Board by Director Wes Wiese to repair the geothermal heating system at headquarters. There have been several repairs done to the system over the past two years without much success, especially on the coldest days of winter. After discussion, the Board requested more estimates from other area business' and to inquire on the different energy rebates available. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**AmeriCorps 4H Environmental Education Agreement:** It was the consensus of the Board to have Interpretive Resource Manager, Chris Barber pursue the 2018-2019 AmeriCorps Host-Site Application. AmeriCorps 4-H Environmental Education is a partnership between AmeriCorps and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. This program is designed to prepare Iowa's youth to be knowledgeable, active, contributing members of society. All was information only and no motion was required.

**Legacy Wildlife Area:** Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the lease/management agreement between Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Hardin County Conservation to allow hunting at Legacy Wildlife area. This was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members vote aye, and the motion carried.

**Other Items:** The Director updated the Board on the status of the notice of intent to relinquish interest in the John Gruis Park. A public hearing to relinquish roadway easement and to buy real property from Elaine Frerichs is scheduled for October 31, 2018. Also, a joint meeting scheduled for November 19, 2018 for Hardin County Conservation and the Hardin County Supervisors at the courthouse. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Adjournment:** Verl Duncan made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.