

Tuesday, July 9, 2019  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, July 9, 2019 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order  
by Chair Allen Kadolph at 7:02 p.m. at Headquarters

**Board Members Attending:** Allen Kadolph, Jessica Lara, Verl Duncan, Sandy Trampe and Kirk Rice

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, and Interpretive Resource Manager Chris Barber

**Guests:** Eddie Reichenbacher of Compass Forestry Consulting

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Monthly Board Meeting. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the June 20, 2019 Fiscal Year End claims. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 monthly claims. It was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Reports:** All reports were given and read. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**Calkins Donor Appreciation Dinner:** Calkins Nature Area is holding a Donor Appreciation Dinner on August 10, 2019. The Board was asked permission to serve wine at the dinner. Verl Duncan made a motion to stay with the current no-alcohol policy at Calkins Nature Area. The motion died for lack of a second. After further discussion, Jessica Lara made a motion to stay with the current no-alcohol policy at Calkins Nature Area. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**CD Renewal:** Director Wes Wiese gave the Board a run-down of area bank's CD rates. After discussion, Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the Hardin County Saving Bank CD rate of 2.37% APY for 24-months on a balance of \$102,569.36. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Drone Contest Sponsorship:** Director Wes Wiese presented to the Board information on the Aerial Greenbelt 2019 Aerial Footage Contest which will be held from July 15<sup>th</sup> thru November 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the contest is to acquire legally recorded aerial footage of Hardin County that can then be utilized in marketing the area; from use on area websites to nationwide tourism campaigns. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve a \$750.00-sponsorship for the contest and it was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Leverton Timber/Rock:** Ross Excavating & Drainage of Eldora, Iowa submitted an estimate of \$3,012.00 to apply 12-loads, at 16-ton each, of reclaimed rock on the access road of Leverton Timber. Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the estimate and to go ahead with the project. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Other Items:** Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber was present to discuss with the Board the purchase of kitchen appliances for Calkins Nature Area. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the purchase of kitchen appliances for Calkins Nature Area from Jones Appliance & TV of Iowa Falls and it was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Also discussed was a waterline at Calkins Nature Area. This was information only, no motion needed.

Eddie Reichenbacher of Compass Forestry Consulting, based out of Eldora, was on hand to discuss with the Board his consulting business which includes timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat, tree planting and grove maintenance. All was information only.

Director Wes Wiese discussed with the Board that the Ackley Saddle Club wanted to be put on the August Agenda for a trail ride in September.

On Sunday, July 28, 2019 the Pine Lake Festival and the Hawkeye Archeological Society of Eastern Iowa is having a non-sanctioned artifact show. Special Guests include collector Jeff Ulrich, Naturalist from the Iowa DNR and the State Park as well as Director Wes Wiese and Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber representing Calkins Nature Area.

Also discussed was dead or dying tree removal at Eagle City Park. This was information only.

**Adjournment:** Chair Allen Kadolph called the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.