

Tuesday, December 8, 2020  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, December 8, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:04 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID 876 3153 6355

**Board Members Attending:** Chair Sandy Trampe, Vice-Chair Jessica Lara, Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Patty Hammer and Allen Kadolph (ex-officio)

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Guests:** Mike Pearce-Hardin County IT Dept.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** All reports were given and read. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. A "Welcome" was given to new board member, Patty Hammer of Union, Iowa who replaced Adam Seward.

### **General Business**

**Island Parcel of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area:** Jessica Lara made a motion to create a resolution and advertise to sell the island parcel (2.7-Acres) of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00. The top two sealed bids will have the opportunity to offer a higher bid. The property must be maintained as a wildlife area. Kirk Rice seconded the motion. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Cellphone Reimbursement Policy:** The Director and Board discussed the policy on reimbursing HCC employees' cellphones. Employees can submit their \$40.00-per-month cellphone reimbursement expense twice a year during any current fiscal year with proof of payment to their cellphone carrier. The expense must have incurred during the July to June fiscal year. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Waive Fee/Firewood Cutting & Cutting Permit:** Board member, Patty Hammer discussed the possibility of waiving the fee for the Firewood Cutting & Removal Permit. She discussed the clean-up from the Derecho this summer at various parks in southern Hardin County. Trent Lambert made a motion to waive the fee on Firewood Cutting & Removal Permit on a trial basis and the storm-affected park or parks would be determined by HCC. A permit form would need to be filled out by the individual(s), returned to HCC Headquarters and the fee waiver would expire on February 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Patty Hammer. All members voted aye; and the motion carried

**HCC Director's Evaluation:** The Board evaluated, and consensus was given that the Director's job performance was great. The evaluation form is to be filled-out by Board Members and returned to Chair Sandy Trampe by December 22, 2020. This was information only and no motion needed.

**Other Items:** Other items discussed by the Board and Director:

- A "*Big Thank You*" and recognition was given to Sandy Trampe for her Ten-Years of service to Hardin County Conservation.
  - The 21/22 budget will be approved with a Special HCC Board Meeting in January 2021.
  - The Greenbelt Aerial Drone Contest is complete, and awards will be announced.
  - Tower Rock Cabins need new mattresses and covers for the hide-a-beds.
  - A Walnut tree has been removed from David Bates Memorial Park Trail by unknown individual(s).
- All was information only and no motion was needed.

Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the purchase of a seed drill from Bruce Harris for \$10,500.00 plus an in-kind donation. HCC will retain the old drill. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; and the motion carried

**Adjournment:** Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.