Tuesday, July 21, 2020 Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, July 21, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:06 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Online: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82212095686

By Phone: 1-312-626-6799 **Meeting ID: 822 1209 5686**

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

Board Members Absent: Adam Seward

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

Guests: None

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the June 24, 2020 Fiscal Year End claims. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and read. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Jessica Lara wanted to let Calkins Nature Area staff know of the great job they did on the summer education boxes.

General Business

Open Hay Mowing Bids: Bids were open for hay mowing at Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area (15 Acres) and Anders Wildlife Area (14.5 Acres). The bidder could bid on both areas or just one of two the areas. Two bids were submitted: Russ & Mindy Rodamaker bid \$60.00-per-acre for Anders Wildlife Area, Steve Schnormeier bid \$40.00-per-acre for Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area and \$25.00-per-acre for Anders Wildlife Area. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the \$60.00-per-acre bid for Anders Wildlife Area from Russ & Mindy Rodamaker and the \$40.00-per-acre bid for Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area from Steve Schnormeier. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Open FEMA Bids: The FEMA bids were open for the repairs to the Pine Ridge Park walking bridge, David Bates Park River Access, and the Tower Rock Park culvert. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the bid of \$12,044.00 from Ross Excavating & Drainage for the repairs to the Pine Ridge Park walking bridge. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the bid of \$3,325.00 from Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service for the repairs to the David Bates Park river access. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the bid of \$5,240.00 from Ross Excavating & Drainage for the repairs to the Tower Rock Park culvert. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Ex-officio Duties: The Hardin County Supervisors appointed Allen Kadolph as ex-officio member to the Hardin County Conservation Board. Discussion by the Board was on what the duties are of an ex-officio member. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Appoint HCCB Member to Friends of Calkins: Kirk Rice made a motion to appoint Jessica Lara to the Friends of Calkins. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Update Sac & Fox Overlook Policy: Director Wes Wiese brought to the Board's attention some issues he was having with some renters of the Sac & Fox Overlook shelter. After discussion, the Sac & Fox rental permit will be updated and brought to the board for approval at the August board meeting. All was information only and no motion needed.

2020 ICCS Fall Conference: The 2020 ICCS Fall Conference has been postponed to the fall of 2021.

Other Items: Other items discussed by the Board were the camping cabin that is to be placed at Bessman-Kemp Park, the Pine Lake Saddle Club ride, and the issues with the Pine Ridge pond. All was information only. No motion was needed.

Adjournment: Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.