

The April 14, 2020 regular Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting was cancelled.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, May 12, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88165708113>

By Phone: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 881 6570 8113

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

**Board Members Absent:** Verl Duncan and Adam Seward

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

**Guests:** Steve Priske of Pine Ridge Rifle Club (by phone)

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the April 14, 2020 and May 12, 2020 monthly claims. It was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** The Chair's, Board Member's, Natural Resource Manager's, and Interpretive Resource Manager's Reports were given and read. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve these monthly reports and it was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried. The Director's report was given and read. Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the Director's report and it was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**Bill Schmidt Memorial:** Jessica Lara made a motion to approve dedicating the Calkins Nature Area Museum Curation and Collection room in honor of Bill Schmidt on behalf of Hardin County Conservation Board. It was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Five-Year Lease/Calkins Prairie Land:** Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the lease agreement between Ellsworth College Board of Trustees and Hardin County Conservation Board for the Calkins Nature Area Prairie Land. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Pine Ridge Shooting Range/Lease Renewal:** Steve Priske of the Pine Ridge Rifle Club was present by phone to discuss the lease renewal of the Pine Ridge Shooting Range. Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the annual lease renewal between Hardin County Conservation Board and the Pine Ridge Rifle Club. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Steve Priske will mail the check for \$1,200.00 and proof-of-insurance to headquarters. Other items discussed were fencing at the shooting range and the Board wanted to thank the Club for their help with the Pine Ridge bridge repair in 2019.

**Pine Ridge Long Range Plan:** Director Wes Wiese brought to the Boards attention his conversations with Mimi Wagner, Environmental Consultant with Santec on the long-range plan for Pine Ridge Park. All was information only and no motion required.

**Campgrounds/Calkins Opening Date/Review Policies:** The Director and Board discussed and reviewed the Covid-19 policies set by the Governor on opening the campgrounds, cabins, and Calkins Nature Area. The campgrounds are opening May 15, 2020 with the shower house closed. The Tower Rock Cabins and Calkins Nature Area building will remain closed. All was information only and no motion needed.

**Other Items:** Jesse Spahn of Spahn Logging, Dubuque, Iowa contacted the Director regarding dead oak trees located in Eagle City Park. There are ten-fifteen dead or dying oak trees in the park that could pose a hazard. Spahn Logging will remove the trees and pay Hardin County Conservation \$400.00. Kirk Rice made a motion to accept Spahn Logging's offer of removing ten-fifteen dead oak trees and pay HCC \$400.00. Jessica Lara seconded the motion. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

The other item discussed was an update on the wind turbine ordinance. Information only, no motion needed.

**Adjournment:** Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.