

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, November 11, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:09 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID 876 3153 6355

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

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: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the November 10, 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. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Kirk Rice spoke of the numerous out-of-county individuals at HCC hunting areas.

General Business

Review of Allowed Camping Days/HCC Park Regulations: After the Board discussed and reviewed the HCC Park Regulations, Jessica Lara made a motion to approve a seven-day (7) camping limit out of any twenty-eight-day (28) period at all HCC primitive parks. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Engineer for Pine Ridge Park Septic System: Kirk Rice made a motion to enter into a service agreement at a cost of \$2,100.00 with Trevor Dickerson of Ground N Down LLC for a preliminary feasibility study of Pine Ridge Park wastewater project. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Bessman-Kemp Park Improvements: Wayne and Darla Carpenter, park hosts at Bessman-Kemp, discussed with Director Wes Wiese the possibility of having a shelter house constructed at Bessman-Kemp. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue grant money towards a shelter house.

Island Parcel of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area: It was approached to the Director the possible sale of a small portion (one-acre or less) of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area. Kirk Rice made a motion to have the Director look into the sale of a portion of the property; if a survey is required, the legal description, that the sale would have to be open to public bids, and the property must be maintained as wildlife area. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Twin Elms Future Plans: It was the consensus of the Board to table until the Strategic Planning Meeting in January 2021.

Reece Memorial Park/Proposal for Clean-up: After review of the proposal letter submitted by Rev. Matthew Rueger of Hubbard, Iowa on the clean-up of trees and debris at Reece Memorial Park, Jessica Lara made a motion to accept Rev. Matthew Rueger's proposal letter along with a Firewood Cutting & Removal Permit and proof of liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

HCCB Policy Change: The Director and Board discussed a HCCB policy change on receiving board approval in emergency situations such as storm clean-up and/or flooding clean-up. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the HCC Director would receive approval from the HCC Chair on emergency spending not to exceed \$10,000.00 before it would require the entire Board's approval. Kirk Rice seconded the motion. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Banning Individuals/HCC Properties: The Director has been receiving reports that an individual(s) has improperly placed tree-stands and cut trees in HCC properties. These individual(s) are known to habitually break park regulations. Kirk Rice made a motion to have the Director pursue legal action in banning these individual(s) from hunting HCC property. Trent Lambert seconded the motion. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

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

- Aerial Greenbelt Drone Contest
- Patty Hammer of Union, Iowa appointed new Board Member
- HCC Budget Amendments
- Verl Duncan Memorial
- Strategic Planning Meeting

All was information only and no motion needed.

Adjournment: Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.