

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, December 14, 2021, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Vice-Chair, Kirk Rice, at 5:15 p.m. at Steamboat Rock Boat Club.

Board Members Attending: Kirk Rice (Vice-Chair), Trent Lambert, Jo Baumann, and Allen Kadolph (Ex-Officio).

Board Members Absent: Jessica Lara (Chair) and Bryan Meints

Staff Members Attending: Wes Wiese (Director), Laura Carr (Office Assistant), Brennan Reysack (Conservation Tech.), and Davis Horton (Interpretive Park Assistant).

Guests: Tyler Prochaska, Sophia Prochaska, and Julie Jeske (Delta Waterfowl), Quintin Toomsen

Approval of Agenda: Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021, monthly claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and discussed. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve all monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

General Business

Parlina Easement – Quintin Toomsen: Quintin Toomsen provided the board with information on a proposed easement for a seasonal pump to irrigate his fields. The board requested more information. Trent Lambert made a motion to table a decision for next month's board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

2022/2023 Budget: The 2022/2023 Budget was reviewed and discussed. Trent made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Cabin Fee & Boat Club Rental Agreement: The board discussed Tower Rock cabin fees. Jo Baumann made a motion to increase Tower Rock Cabin rates to \$125 per night. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

The Steamboat Rock Boat Club will now be known and referred to as The Lodge. The Lodge rental agreement was reviewed and discussed. Trent Lambert made a motion to establish the rental fee of The Lodge to \$200 per day, a bundled fee (full day and 4 hrs. set up the day before) to \$300, a cleaning fee of \$50, and a security deposit of \$250. In addition, the responsibility of managing reservations of The Lodge will be transferred to Hardin County Conservation's Office Assistant, Laura Carr, beginning January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Carbon Easement: The Summit Carbon Easement Agreement was reviewed and discussed by the board. Jo Baumann made a motion to reject the easement agreement. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Director's Evaluation: The board reviewed and discussed the Director's performance. There was a consensus that Wes Wiese, Directory of Hardin County Conservation, does an overall exceptional job with a note of an area of improvement. Information only, no motion required.

Other Items: None.

Adjournment: Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. The Tuesday, December 14, 2021, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Vice-Chair, Kirk Rice, at 7:50 p.m.