

Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, January 12, 2021 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Allen Kadolph (ex-officio) at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

-Opened at 6:00 p.m. Kirk Rice made a motion to move a) Appoint Chair and Vice Chair from General Business to after Call to Order. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

-Kirk Rice made a motion to appoint Jessica Lara as Chair for 2021. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

-Trent Lambert made a motion to appoint Kirk Rice as Vice-Chair for 2021. The motion was seconded by Patty Hammer. All members voted aye; and the motion carried. Closed at 6:04 p.m.

**Board Members Attending:** Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Patty Hammer, Jo Baumann and Allen Kadolph (ex-officio)

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Lara

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper, Conservation Tech Brennen Reysack and Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber

**Guests:** Nichoel Church of Synder Associates, Mark Husmann, Marvin Bierman, and Roger Bernard of the Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders, and James Sweeney of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates

**Public Comment:** Roger Bernard presented to the Board the idea of the Smokey Ridge Muzzleloader Fall Rendezvous being held at Eagle City Park instead of the Setchell Area if in the fall the weather is extremely wet. The Setchell Area is very prone to holding water and flooding. The Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders have asked to be included on the February 9, 2021 Agenda to give a more complete and detailed presentation of their alternate plan. All was information only.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trent Lambert made the motion to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** All reports were given and discussed. Jo Baumann 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, Jo Baumann of Iowa Falls, Iowa.

## **General Business**

**Appoint Chair & Vice Chair:** Moved to beginning of meeting after Call to Order.

**Nichoel Church-Wetland Mitigation Bank/Pine Creek:** Nichoel Church, PWS, Project Manager with Snyder Associates of Ankeny, Iowa gave a presentation on the Wetland Mitigation Bank/Pine Creek. She explained to the Board what the Wetland Mitigation Bank is as it pertains to an area along Pine Creek which will have improvements made to help benefit the water quality and to comply with the Clean Water Act. Patty Hammer made a motion to have the HCC Board support the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget:** The fiscal year 2021-2022 budget was reviewed by the Board. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the budget as presented and it was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

**Island Parcel of Boddy Hunt Wildlife Area:** Trent Lambert made a motion to publish the notice to take bids and public hearing on the sale of the southern tract of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area, 21866 US Hwy 65, Eldora, Iowa. The motion was seconded by Patty Hammer. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

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

- Strategic Planning Meeting/Set Date.
- Information presented on the Sac & Fox Overlook driveway.
- Review Firewood Cutting & Removal Permit.
- Forming a sub-committee with the Boat Club (Iowa River Conservation Club).
- Closing Daisy Long Park for a weekend wedding on May 14-15, 2021.
- Placing Twin Elms, Alden, Iowa back-up for sale.

Also, present was James Sweeney, P.E. of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates of Ackley, Iowa who is a full-service engineering and surveying firm. He discussed with the Board what the firm has to offer. All other items were information only and no motion was needed.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chair Kirk Rice called the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.