

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, July 13, 2021, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Jessica Lara at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chair Jessica Lara, Vice-Chair Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Jo Baumann, Bryan Meints, and Allen Kadolph (ex-officio).

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Attending: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper, and Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber.

Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the June 8, 2021, regular minutes. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021, monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

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

General Business

Sands Springs Wildlife Area/Fencing: Director Wes Wiese discussed with the Board his conversation with Allan Jaspers on the fencing between his property and Sands Spring Wildlife Area. Allan proposed to pay for one (1)-fencing strand if HCC would pay for one more additional fence strand to have a total of a five (5)-strand fence. Kirk Rice made a motion to pay the additional cost to SNL Custom Fencing for HCC's portion of the five (5)-strand fence. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

ICCS Fall Conference: The Board was given the 2020+1 ICCS Annual Fall Conference schedule. The conference is being held September 15-17, 2021, at the Quality Inn & Suites in Ames, Iowa. It was also a consensus of the Board to donate to the Silent Auction that will be held at the conference. Information only, no motion needed.

Iowa River Boat Club Update: Director Wes Wiese updated the Board on the progress of purchasing real estate locally known as Boat Club, 31452 Co. Hwy D35, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Information only, no motion needed.

Bill Schmidt and Verl Duncan Dedication Ceremony at Calkins Nature Area: Calkins Nature Area is in the process of scheduling a dedication ceremony for Bill Schmidt and Verl Duncan to be held mid-August. Information only, no motion needed.

HCC Financial Review: Director presented a review of Hardin County Conservation Reserve Resource Account (Hilker Funds, Interest, Grants, Gifts). Also, reviewed was the REAP account and the HC Conservation CD. The CD matures on July 18, 2021. Kirk Rice made a motion not to renew the CD at current low interest rates but to invest it in other better interest paying funds. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Also discussed by the Board was having representative Tam Elerding of Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation come and speak with the Board at the August Board Meeting. No motion was necessary.

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

- A Welcome was given to new Board Member Bryan Meints of Eldora, Iowa.
- Easement for Ira Nichols Outdoor Classroom, 1300 River Road, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

All was information only and no motion needed.

Adjournment: Chair Jessica Lara called the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.