

Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, June 8, 2021, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Kirk Rice at 6:01 p.m. at Headquarters.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Chair Jessica Lara.

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Conservation Tech. Brennen Reysack.

**Guests:** Chair Jeremy Heem, Tyler Prochaska, and Julie Jeske of the Whistling Wings Chapter of Delta Waterfowl.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trent Lambert made the motion to approve the May 11, 2021, regular minutes. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the June 8, 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**

**Open Hay Mowing Bids:** Bids were open for hay mowing at Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area (15 Acres) and Anders Wildlife Area (14.5 Acres). The bidder could bid on both areas or just one of the areas. Two bids were submitted: Russ & Mindy Rodamaker bid \$55.00-per-acre or \$800.00 for hay mowing at Anders Wildlife Area, Steve Schnormeier bid \$40.00-per-acre for hay mowing at Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area and \$20.00-per-acre for hay mowing at Anders Wildlife Area. Jo Baumann made a motion to accept the bid from Steve Schnormeier for \$40.00-per-acre for hay mowing at Arthur Hilker Wildlife Area. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Trent Lambert made a motion to accept the bid from Russ & Mindy Rodamaker for \$55.00-per-acre or \$800.00 for hay mowing at Anders Wildlife Area. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Set Bessman-Kemp Cabin Rates:** It was the consensus of the Board to set the cabin rates at \$35.00 plus 5% tax-per-night for the two camping cabins at Bessman-Kemp Park. The cabins are set to open at the end of July.

**Sands Spring Wildlife Area/Fencing Estimates:** The Board received and discussed the two-estimates for fencing between Allan Jaspers' property and Sands Spring Wildlife Area. Trent Lambert made a motion to accept the estimate from SNL Custom Fencing of Ackley, Iowa. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Also discussed was having a fencing agreement with Allan Jaspers. No motion needed at this time.

**Tower Rock Cabins/Covid Refunds:** Jo Baumann made a motion to return to the Tower Rock Cabins No-Refund Policy prior to the Covid outbreak. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried. The refund policy states:

All reservations with Hardin County Conservation Board facilities are final. Reservations are non-refundable, unless the following situations occur:

- The National Weather Service has issued severe weather and/or travel conditions.
- We are unable to provide your facility (or like facility) in operable condition for the date of your event.
- Accident, serious injury or death of an immediate family member.

All requests for refunds must be made by calling the Hardin County Conservation Board Office at 641-648-4361.

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

- Hardin County Conservation received a letter of resignation from Board Member Patty Hammer.
- Prepare bullet points on the purchase of the Iowa River Boat Club for meeting with the Hardin County Supervisors.
- Camping Fees and season-long camping.
- Create a Donor Wall on the HCC website.
- Filming at Wildcat Trail.
- ICCS Fall Conference.
- Park Tours early this fall with Board Members.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chair Kirk Rice called the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.