

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, March 9, 2021 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Jessica Lara at 6:04 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chair Jessica Lara, Vice-Chair Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Jo Baumann, Patty Hammer, 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 Interpretative Program Assistant Davis Horton.

Guests: Roger Bernard & Mark Husman of Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders, Bob Hildreth and Taylor Nederhoff.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the February 9, 2021 Strategic Planning minutes. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 Regular minutes. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the March 9, 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. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

General Business

Roger Bernard/Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders: Roger Bernard presented to the Board the “Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders Alternate Rendezvous Weather Plan and Weather-Related Repairs Agreement”. The agreement explains if the Setchell Area is experiencing rainy conditions for the Labor Day rendezvous the decision will be made for use of the alternate site which is upper Eagle City Park. After review and discussion by the Board Trent Lambert made a motion to authorize the Director of Hardin County Conservation to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Open Twin Elms Bids: Jessica Lara called the public hearing opened at 6:15 pm on the sale of Twin Elms property (four-acres more or less). There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 6:17 pm. There were three (3) bids submitted. The first bid opened was from

William Peters for \$1,800.00-per-acre, a total of \$7,200.00. The second bid opened was from Robert Hildreth for \$1,375.00-per-acre, a total of \$5,500.00. The third bid was from James Sweeney and Westhenry Ioerger for \$3,005.00-per-acre, a total of \$12,020.00. Trent Lambert made a motion to accept the Sweeney/Ioerger bid of \$3,005.00-per-acre, a total of \$12,020.00. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Pine Ridge Park/LAWCON Grant: Director Wes Wiese presented to the Board the application for the LAWCON Grant which will be used for the Pine Ridge Park campground wastewater system. The Board and Director reviewed and discussed all revenue options and other grant possibilities. Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the application for the LAWCON Grant. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Iowa River Conservation Improvement Club Property: The Iowa River Conservation Improvement Club has approached Director Wes Wiese on the proposed sale of the boat club, house and approximately 7.5-acre site to Hardin County Conservation. This sale would be contracted for fifteen-years. The Board discussed all aspects of the proposal. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the proposed sale offer from the Iowa River Improvement Club. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Other Items: The Director received a quote of \$2,754.67 from Reliable 1 of Iowa Falls for the purchase of two (2) Amana PTHP units for the Bessman-Kemp Park cabins. Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the purchase of the two (2) heating/AC units for the B-K Cabins. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. Roll call vote; “Ayes” Jessica Lara, Patty Hammer, Jo Baumann, Trent Lambert. “Nays”, none. “Abstain”, Kirk Rice. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Chair Jessica Lara called the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.