

**Monday, August 8, 2022**  
**Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting**

The Monday, August 8, 2022, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:03 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Kirk Rice (Chair), Bryan Meints, Jessica Lara, and Jo Baumann.

**Board Members Absent:** Trent Lambert (Vice-Chair)

**Staff Members Attending:** Wes Wiese (Director), Chris Barber (Interpretive Park Manager) and Laura Carr (Office Assistant)

**Guests:** Tyler Prochaska, Julie Jeske, and Sophia Prochaska (DELTA Waterfowl)

**Approval of Agenda:** Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Bryan Meints made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022, monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:**

**Chair Report:** None.

**Board Member's Report:** None.

**Special Committee's Report:**

**The Lodge Committee:** The Director, Wes, informed The Board of the status on the Barlow Foundation challenge application for The Lodge Fundraiser.

**Salary Committee:** None

**Director's Report:** Wes presented the Board with Judy Staple's volunteer work cleaning up graffiti on Reece park's playground. Tyler Prochaska, with the Whistling Wings Delta Waterfowl Chapter, provided a donation for assistance with ariel spraying of cattails. Kirk Rice requested that there be signage for the spraying. Wes presented the Board with a bill forwarded from the Hardin County Fair Grounds for repairs to their dump station. The fair board is requesting the Conservation Department assist with payment. Jessica Lara made a motion to pay for \$200 of the bill presented by the Fair Board for dump station repairs. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

All reports were given and discussed. Jessica Lara 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.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Daisy Long Septic Pump:** Wes updated the Board on the status of the Daisy Long septic pumps. Both pumps have stopped working and the campground is currently running on a loaner pump. The Board reviewed a quote for a new septic pump provided by Iowa Pump Works. Jo Baumann made the motion to accept the Iowa Pump Works quote for a new pump at Daisy Long Campground at the cost of \$19,745.00. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Meier's Fishing Pond Jetty:** Wes updated the Board on the progress of the fishing jetty planned for Meier's Pond. Wes stated that he spoke to secondary roads, they have agreed to assist with the project by providing rip rap, a dump truck, and loader. Wes also submitted a joint permit to the Iowa DNR and Army Corps of Engineers for the jetty. The DNR has provided their approval for the project, but the Board is still waiting on the Army Corps response.

**Boundary Fence – Marlin Cross:** The Board reviewed a quote submitted by Lucas Schumacher to repair the boundary fence shared between Marlin Cross' property and Hardin County Conservation's Eagle City Addition property. The Board noted a mathematical error in the quote, based on recalculation the Conservation's portion of the costs will total \$3,390 (excluding the 10% unpredictable fee). Jo Baumann made the motion to pay for all material costs up front at the cost of \$1,960 so that prices are locked in, to not pay for the "10% unpredictable" fee, and to pay for the remaining balance of labor costs upon completion of the fence. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Informational Items:**

**Meier's Pond Sampling Results:** The Board was provided with the results from the Iowa DNR sampling of Meier's Pond. The sampling included 49 fish (23 Largemouth Bass, 21 Bluegill, and 5 Yellow Perch).

**Board Park Tour Date:** The Board decided on Saturday, November 19th at 8am for the date of their fall tour of the Hardin County Conservation properties.

**Adjournment:** Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6pm at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. The Monday, August 8, 2022 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 7:23 p.m.