

Monday, July 11, 2022
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, July 11, 2022, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:06 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

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

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

Public Comment: Tyler Prochaska updated the board on visitor's that he has noticed staying at Cross Ford River Access. Tyler noted that many of the visitors are from out of state and country. He has asked the visitors what they would like to see at the location and the consensus is that a toilet would be a great addition to the area. The Board decided to wait until the new budget year to place a port-a-potty in the area.

Approval of Minutes: Bryan Meints made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022, monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and discussed.

Chair Report: None.

Board Member's Report: None.

Special Committee's Report:

The Lodge Committee: Jo Baumann presented a quote for kitchen equipment and appliances for The Lodge. The Board reviewed and discussed options. Wes informed the Board that the Landscape Architect would like to schedule another meeting with the committee to review plans.

Salary Committee: The Board was provided a comparison of salaries based off Iowa County Conservation System Report from 2020. Further discussion will take place once updated numbers are submitted.

Jessica Lara made a motion to approve all monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Headquarters' House – Paint: All paint bids were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Trent Lambert made the motion to accept the bid submitted by Steinfeldt Painting for \$2,105.00. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All member voted aye, and the motion carried.

Meier's Pond – Dock: John Ziebell was present and discussed with the Board the options of adding a dock or jetty to the Meier's Pond for fishing purposes. Ziebell and the Board discussed potential location, required permits, source of supplies and funding. The Director, Wes Wiese, stated that he would put in an application to begin the process.

Kayak/Canoe Rental Agreement: The Board reviewed the revised kayak/canoe agreement. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the new Kayak/Canoe Rules & Rental Agreement pending the County Attorney's feedback and approval. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Informational Items: The Board decided to donate a two-night stay at a Tower Rock cabin and a gift basket to the Iowa County Conservation System Fall Conference.

Adjournment: Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6pm at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. The Monday, July 11, 2022 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 7:24 p.m.