

Monday, June 13, 2022
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, June 13, 2022, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:02 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

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

Board Members Absent: Jessica Lara

Staff Members Attending: Wes Wiese (Director) and Laura Carr (Office Assistant)

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

Approval of Agenda: Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Bryan Meints made a motion to approve the May 9, 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 June 13, 2022, monthly claims with the addition of \$1,600 for Grass Masters. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and discussed.

Chair Report: Kirk informed the board of a meeting that took place with an architect to draft plans for The Lodge.

Board Member's Report: None.

Special Committee's Report:

The Lodge Committee: The committee met with the architect this past week to discuss and create plans for the remodel of The Lodge. The Director presented plans created by the architect. The Board and Director discussed the design.

Salary Committee: No updates.

Jo Baumann made a motion to approve all monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Hay Bids: All hay bids were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Trent Lambert made the motion to accept the bid submitted from Jeff Friest for \$900 for the Anders property and from Brant Friest for \$750 for the Hilker property. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All member voted aye, and the motion carried.

AmeriCorps Position – Calkins: The AmeriCorps position for Calkins was discussed by the Board. Bryan Meints made the motion to pursue the AmeriCorps Position. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Lodge Fundraising: Jo Baumann presented fundraising ideas for The Lodge. The Board discussed plans for a Fall Festival including potential activities, dates, and partnerships. Jo Baumann made the motion to move forward with plans for a Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, October 15th and a rain date of Saturday, October 22nd. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All member voted aye, and the motion carried.

Dog Training Site: The individual did not attend the meeting to discuss the proposal. No motions were made.

Steamboat Rock Sewer Project: The Director updated the Board on the Steamboat Rock Sewer Project. The Director shared plans for the location of the dump station and that the archeology study will begin soon.

Informational Items:

2022 ICCS Fall Conference: The Board was provided a schedule for the 2022 ICCS Fall Conference.

Headquarters House – Paint: The Director informed the Board that the house on the Headquarters Property, 15533 S Ave. Ackley, IA, needs the interior repainted prior to a new tenant. Information only, no motion required.

Adjournment: Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6pm at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. The Monday, June 13, 2022 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 7:33 p.m.