

**Monday, March 14, 2022**  
**Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting**

The Monday, March 14, 2022, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:00 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Lara

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

**Guests:** Blake Wedel (Summit Carbon Pipeline), Tyler Prochaska, Julie Jeske, and Sophia Prochaska (DELTA Waterfowl), Darrell Meyer (Hardin County Attorney), and Matt Rezab (Times Citizen)

**Approval of Agenda:** Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 Agenda with the amendment of removing IX (C) Contract Mowing – Location Switch from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the February 21, 2022 Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022, monthly claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** Jo Baumann suggested that other Board members write a letter to State Representatives regarding the land acquisition bill. All reports were given and discussed. Trent Lambert 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.

**General Business**

**Summit Carbon Pipeline:** Blake Wedel, representative of Summit Carbon Pipeline, presented the Board with an Addendum of Special Conditions and an updated Calculation Sheet. Trent Lambert made the motion to table the Carbon Pipeline Easement for next month. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Alliant Energy Easement – Ira Nichols:** The Board discussed a proposed easement by Alliant Energy on the Ira Nichols property located at 1300 River Rd. Iowa Falls for a powerline. The Board requested more information on the easement. Bryan Meints made a motion to table a

decision on the Alliant Energy Easement. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Lloyd Property Donation:** The Board discussed the donation of the Lloyd Property located at 15051 KK Ave. Iowa Falls. Trent Lambert made the motion to accept the gift of the Lloyd property parcel with the condition that if Hardin County Conservation Board decided to sell the property in the future the family would have first right of refusal at fair market value. The motion was seconded Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Pine Ridge Septic – Engineering Contract:** The Board reviewed the Engineering Contract for the Pine Ridge Septic project. Trent Lambert made the motion to accept the contract with Ground N Down LLC for \$79,935.00 pending review of the County Auditor, Jolene Pieters. The motion was seconded by Brian Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Heating/Cooling Unit – Headquarters:** The Board revisited the heating/cooling unit bid for the Headquarters Office. Brian Meints made the motion to update the Heating/Cooling unit at the Headquarters office. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

## **Other Items**

**Strategic Planning/Park Tour:** The Strategic Planning and Park Tour is scheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The tour will begin at The Lodge at 8:30 a.m. The Director reviewed the itinerary for the day with the Board. All information, no motion required.

**Endowment Disbursement:** The Board received an endowment disbursement check. It was the Board's consensus to roll the check back into the endowment account.

**Donation for Pine Lake Wildlife Club:** The Board made the decision to donate a two-night Tower Rock cabin stay to the Pine Lake Wildlife Club for their STAG event.

**Adjournment:** Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 12pm at Calkins Nature Center. The Monday, March 14, 2022 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:56 p.m.