

Monday, June 12, 2023
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, June 12, 2023, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Trent Lambert, at 6:00 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Trent Lambert (Chair), Kirk Rice (Vice-Chair), Bryan Meints, and Julie Jeske

Board Members Absent: Jo Baumann

Staff Members Attending: Wes Wiese (Director), Kit Paper (Natural Resource Manager), Chris Barber (Interpretive Park Manager)

Guests: Tyler and Sophie Prohaska

Approval of Agenda: Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023 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 8, 2023 minutes and May 23, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Jeske. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Brian Meints made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Julie Jeske. 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 Board met with the Board of Supervisors in a special meeting today with the purpose of discussing future plans for The Lodge. The Director, Wes Wiese, is following up to obtain renderings and/or floor plans for a new building. The Board discussed plans for a new building.

Fundraising Committee: Bryan Meints provided an update on the UTV Ride Fundraiser planned for September. The Board discussed food truck vendors, alcohol, music, and making it into a poker run. Wes informed the Board that Greenbelt Bank contacted him about accepting a donation for The Lodge.

Salary Committee: None.

All reports were given and discussed. Kirk Rice 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:

Calkins Alcohol Policy: No update from the Friends of Calkins Board.

Metal Detector Policy: The Board discussed a metal detector policy. Brian Meints made a motion to adopt a metal detector policy as follows; metal detecting is prohibited in areas not mowed, in designated campgrounds, and in recognized historical or archeological sites. Metal detecting is permitted in areas that are not reserved sites (not occupied campsites or shelter houses), all valuables must be reported to park hosts to determine whether or not the item has been reported lost/stolen, all holes must be repaired, & no digging more than 6" deep or 6" in diameter. The motion was seconded by Julie Jeske. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

New Business:

Hay Bids: The Board reviewed the four bids received for hay mowing at Anders and Hilker. The following bids were reviewed; Heath Ziesman, Russ & Mindy Rodamaker, Steve Schnormeier, and Brant Friest. Kirk Rice made a motion to accept Heath Ziesman's bid for \$100/acre at both Anders and Hilker. The motion was seconded by Julie Jeske. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Pine Ridge Tree Stump Removal: The Board reviewed the bids received for the removal of tree stumps at Pine Ridge. The following bids were reviewed; Wes Faris, Johnson Tree Service, & Grass Masters. Kirk Rice made a motion to accept the bid from Grass Masters for \$1,690. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Hoover Ruby Seeding: Kit Paper, Natural Resource Manager, presented the Board with an opportunity to complete seeding and hydrology work at Hoover Ruby. The Board, Director, & staff members discussed various options. Kirk Rice made a motion to approve spending funds for higher quality seed for the project if needed. The motion was seconded by Brian Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

The Lodge – HVAC Bids: The Board has received a quote from Reliable 1 for the HVAC system but is waiting on a bid from Carstens and feedback from Hardin County Endowment Fund regarding the grant monies. Bryan Meints made the motion to table the decision until Wes finds out more information about the Hardin County Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Julie Jeske. Bryan Meints and Julie Jeske voted aye; Kirk Rice abstained.

Informational Items: None.

Adjournment: Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6 pm. The Monday, June 12, 2023, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Trent Lambert, at 7:328 p.m.

