

Monday, November 16, 2015  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, November 16, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Chairperson Verl Duncan, Vice-Chairperson Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph, and Sandy Trampe.

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Lara.

**Staff Members:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs and Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber.

**Guests:** Justin Holdgrafer, Steve Campbell and Libby Caplan.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the claims for November 16, 2015. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Special Reports:** All reports were given and read. Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve all special reports and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

### **General Business**

**Director's Evaluation:** It was a consensus of the Board that Director Wes Wiese was performing his duties in an acceptable manner. No motion was needed.

**Winter Rec Fest:** The Winter Recreation Festival Committee members Steve Campbell and Libby Caplan were on hand to discuss the up-coming 5<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Rec Fest with Board Members. The Winter Rec Fest is scheduled for January 29-31, 2016 and is based at the Scenic City Empress Boat Club in Iowa Falls. The committee members asked the Board for permission to use existing trails in the Ira Nichols Outdoor Classroom for one of the events they are planning during the festival. There would be a "Fat Tire" Bike race with 20-30 bicyclists. Sandy Trampe made the motion that the event could proceed with weather conditions permitting such an event. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**IRVM:** It was a consensus of the Board that Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management would become part of the Hardin County Engineer's Office. No motion was needed.

**Seeding Projects:** Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber was on hand to discuss the seeding project for Calkins Nature Area. He proposed a Savannah seeding on 1½ acres behind the Nature Center. A community grant from Theisen's in Iowa Falls would go towards the planting. The other two seeding project proposals were submitted by Natural Resource Manager Blake Harris. His two proposals are for 11 acres at the Sac & Fox Overlook and 19.9 acres at the Pine Ridge Park area. Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the three projects with partial funding coming from the Ruby donation. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

**Other Items:** Interpretive Park Ranger Chris Barber discussed with the Board the possible purchase of a seed stripper for various seeding projects.

It was a consensus by the Board to grant permission to James Dupuie, a graduate student in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University to conduct pheasant research at the Hilker Wildlife Area from January-August 2016 and January-August 2017.

At the next board meeting on December 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Holiday potluck at the Headquarters.

**Adjournment:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

\* The renewal of the \$115,345.46 CD with Peoples Savings Bank at .95% for twenty-four months was also discussed and approved by the Board via email.