

Monday, January 11, 2016
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, January 11, 2016 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 7:02 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chairperson Verl Duncan, Vice-Chairperson Dennis Heetland, Allen Kadolph, and Jessica Lara.

Board Members Absent: Sandy Trampe.

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

Guests: None.

Public Comment: Wes brought cookies.

Approval of Minutes: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting and the December 29, 2015 special meeting. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Dennis Heetland made the motion to approve the claims for January 11, 2016. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, motion carried.

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

General Business

Chairperson Position: Discussion was held on who would be willing to serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson. A motion from Allen Kadolph was made to nominate Verl Duncan as Chairperson and Sandy Trampe as Vice-chairperson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

February Board Meeting Date: The February Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This was information only and no motion was needed.

Annual Report: The Hardin County Conservation Annual Report of 2015 was approved with a motion from Allen Kadolph. It was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Iowa Ornithologists' Union Grant: A motion from Allen Kadolph to approve the grant proposal to construct a raised tower off the corner of the observation platform at Pintail Wetlands. It was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Equipment Purchase: The purchase of a snowplow was discussed. Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the purchase of a snowplow from Showroom Auto of Marshalltown, Iowa. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Other Items: Interpretive Park Manager Chris Barber was on hand to discuss the recent break-in at Calkins Nature Area. It was also discussed the construction of a storage/shop building at Calkins. Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the construction of the storage/shop building; it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

The CD #28176 renewal at 1.51% for 36-months (with a one-time rate bump-up) at Hardin County Savings Bank in Eldora, Iowa was approved by the board with a motion from Allen Kadolph; it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

The other item discussed was the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet, which will be held Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Ackley Recreation Club, Ackley, Iowa.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dennis Heetland. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.