

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, March 10, 2020 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Sandy Trampe at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters

Board Members Attending: Chair Sandy Trampe, Vice-Chair Jessica Lara, Kirk Rice, and Adam Seward

Board Members Absent: Verl Duncan and Trent Lambert (ex-officio member)

Staff Members Attending: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, and Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper

Guests: District Conservationist/NRCS Ava Haun, Director/River Programs/Iowa DNR Nate Hoogeveen, Allen Kadolph and Curt Groen

Public Comment: Allen Kadolph who is a member of Southfork Watershed Alliance Inc. invited any HCC Board Member to attend the Alliance's regular board meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 at the Hardin County Extension Office in Iowa Falls. Curt Groen of Hubbard gave further updates on the Wind Energy Ordinances.

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made the motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 and February 20, 2020 with a correction on the February 20, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the March 10, 2020 monthly claims. It was seconded by Adam Seward. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Monthly Reports: All reports were given and read. Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

General Business

Ava Haun-District Conservationist/NRCS: District Conservationist/NRCS Ava Haun was present to introduce herself to the Board. She gave a little history on her career with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service). She shared with the Board the programs available for conservation. All was information only.

Steamboat Rock Dam Project/Nate Hoogeveen-Director/River Programs/Iowa DNR: Director/River Programs/Iowa DNR Nate Hoogeveen gave a presentation on the proposed masterplan for the Steamboat Rock Dam Project. Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made a motion to accept the invitation to participate in the masterplan proposal for the Steamboat Rock Dam Project. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; and the motion carried.

Wildcat Trail Mowing: Director Wes Wiese informed the Board that Matt Clark, who lives adjacent to the Wildcat Trail, has offered to mow the parking area and trail for no-charge. After discussion, Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made a motion to pay Matt Clark \$200.00 for the season. The motion was seconded by Adam Seward. A roll call vote of the motion was made. “Ayes”-Vice-Chair Jessica Lara, Adam Seward. “Nays”- Kirk Rice. The motion carried.

Finalize Firewood Cutting Policy/Tabled from 02/10/2020: Vice-Chair Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the HCCB Firewood Cutting Policy with the addition of “No Vehicles are allowed off maintained roads or trails unless the ground is firm or frozen. Do not drive on trails during wet conditions.”. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Meeting: Heartland Insurance Risk Pool is holding a Conservation Directors/Board Members Workshop on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake & Park, 2283 Park Road, Toledo, Iowa from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Information only, no motion needed.

Other Items: Other items discussed by the Director and Board were the upcoming camping season and ads being placed in local newspapers for FEMA Bids for Maintenance of three areas. The three areas are Cross’ Ford River Access, Pine Ridge Park and Tower Rock Park. Also, Curt Groen discussed further on the Wind Energy Ordinances. All was information only, no motion needed.

Adjournment: Chair Sandy Trampe called the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.