

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, February 9, 2021 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Jessica Lara at 6:00 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Chair Jessica Lara, Vice-Chair Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Jo Baumann, and Allen Kadolph (ex-officio).

Board Members Absent: Patty Hammer.

Staff Members Attending: Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Maintenance/Operations Supervisor Craig Boomgarden, Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper, Conservation Tech Brennen Reysack, and Interpretive Park Ranger Cam Grubic.

Guests: Nick LaVelle of LaVelle Lawn Care LLC, Andrew Freese of Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC, Dan & Lori Harris of Greenbelt Seeding, Dennis Heitland, and Taylor Nederhoff.

Public Comment: Dennis Heitland spoke of his opposition to Hardin County's possible extension of the 200-yard distance rule for hunting near building sites.

Approval of Minutes: Kirk Rice made the motion to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and discussed. Trent Lambert made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

General Business

Open Boddy-Hunt Tract Bids: One bid was received and opened by the Board. Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the bid received by Bo and Sara Balvanz for \$1,000.00 for the Southern Tract of Boddy-Hunt Wildlife Area (2.7-Acres more or less). The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Open Contract Mowing Bids: Contract Mowing bids were received and opened from: Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC, LaVelle Lawn Care LLC, Greenbelt Seeding, Carl Kruger, and Z & Z Glass. This year begins a two (2)-year Contract Mowing Agreement. The 2021-2022 mowing reflects three (3) groups of areas that could be bid on. The bidder could bid on one (1) group, two (2) groups or all three (3) groups.

Kirk Rice made a motion to award Group 1 to Greenbelt Seeding, Group 2 to Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC, and Group 3 to Greenbelt Seeding. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. Roll call vote: “Ayes” Kirk Rice and Jo Baumann, “Nays” Jessica Lara and Trent Lambert. The motion failed.

Trent Lambert made a motion to award Group 1 to Greenbelt Seeding, Group 2 to Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC and Group 3 to LaVelle Lawn Care LLC. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. Roll call vote: “Ayes” Trent Lambert, “Nays” Kirk Rice and Jo Baumann, “Abstained” Jessica Lara. The motion failed.

Trent Lambert made a motion to award Group 1 to Greenbelt Seeding and Group 2 to Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Trent Lambert made a motion to award Group 3 to LaVelle Lawn Care LLC. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Greenbelt Seeding asked to have their bid(s) withdrawn.

Jo Baumann made a motion to award Group 1 to Z & Z Glass. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rice. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Roger Bernard/Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders: Tabled until the March 9, 2019 Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting.

2020 Annual Report: Kirk Rice made a motion to approve the 2020 Hardin County Conservation Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Taylor Nederhoff/Sands Springs Wildlife Area: Taylor Nederhoff representing Allan Jaspers was present to discuss with the Board the fencing and possible signage between Allan Jaspers’ property and the Sands Springs Wildlife Area, property of Hardin County Conservation. All was information only and no motion needed.

Other Items: None.

Adjournment: Chair Jessica Lara called the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.