

Monday, February 21, 2022
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, February 21, 2022, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 6:03 p.m. at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Kirk Rice (Chair), Trent Lambert (Vice-Chair), Jessica Lara, Jo Baumann, and Bryan Meints.

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Attending: Wes Wiese (Director), Laura Carr (Office Assistant), Brennen Reysack (Conservation Tech), and Chris Barber (Interpretive Park Manager).

Guests: Isaac Risseeuw and Blake Wedel (Summit Carbon Pipeline), Tyler Prochaska and Rena Heem (DELTA Waterfowl)

Approval of Agenda: Kirk Rice requested to move Summit Carbon Pipeline to the beginning of General Business. There were no objections. Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the February 21, 2022 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Trent Lambert made a motion to approve the January 11, 2022 Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Jessica Lara made a motion to approve the February 21, 2022, monthly claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Bryan Meints. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Monthly Special Reports: All reports were given and discussed. Bryan Meints made a motion to approve all monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

General Business

Summit Carbon Pipeline: Blake Wedel and Isaac Risseeuw with Summit Carbon Pipeline were present to discuss and answer questions regarding the easement proposal. The Board was provided an updated easement agreement and considered the offer proposed for the easement. Information only, no motion required.

Lloyd Property Donation: The Director provided information regarding Duane Lloyd's estate. The Board discussed the Lloyd Property Donation located at 15051 KK Ave. Iowa Falls, IA. The Board requested more information. Information only, no motion required.

Sub-Committee Formation - The Lodge: Trent Lambert made the motion to nominate Kirk Rice and Bryan Meints for the sub-committee. Jessica Lara seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. The Director, Wes Wiese, requested that Laura Carr, Office Assistant, also serve on the Sub-Committee.

Hardin County Visitor Guide: The board reviewed previous year's Hardin County Visitor's Guide proposal. Trent Lambert made the motion to fund a half-page advertisement. The motion was seconded by Jessica Lara. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Annual Report: The Board reviewed the Hardin County Conservation Annual Report for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Jessica made the motion to approve the annual report as submitted. Trent Lambert seconded the motion. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Flooring and Heating/Cooling Unit – Headquarters: The Director notified the Board that the price of flooring has increased \$200 since last month's approval of funds for Headquarters office flooring. No motion required, information only. The Board was provided a bid from Reliable One for a heating/cooling unit for Headquarters office. The decision was tabled for next month's meeting.

Pine Ridge Septic: The Director provided the Board with an update on the Pine Ridge Septic project and the status of grants for the project. Information only, no motion required.

Other Items

Strategic Planning Meeting & Property Tour Date: The Board and Director set the date, Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 8:30 am for a strategic planning meeting and property tour. The Board members will meet at The Lodge in Steamboat Rock.

Endowment Grant – The Lodge Heating/Cooling System: The Director informed the Board of an endowment grant for a new heating/cooling system for The Lodge. The Board approved the Director to apply for an endowment grant.

Adjournment: Next Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6pm at Hardin County Conservation Headquarters. The Monday, February 21, 2022 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was adjourned by Chair, Kirk Rice, at 8:08 p.m.