

CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes

October 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held at the Osborne Visitors Center, Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM by Chair Jim Langhus with Board Members Joe Ihm,, Liz Jaster, Larry Stone and Deanna Krambeer present. Tim Engelhardt, Executive Director, and Harry Luster, Office Manager, were present.

Joe Ihm was presented with a Five-Year Service Award and pin.

AGENDA

Liz Jaster moved to accept the agenda as printed. Joe Ihm seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Joe Ihm moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. Larry Stone seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Claims were reviewed. Deanna Krambeer made the motion to approve payment of claims. Joe Ihm seconded. Motion carried.

LP BIDS

Bids were received from three companies and were opened at the meeting.

Three Rivers bid was \$1.755/gal for 3,000 gallons of LP for a total of \$5,265.00.

Fauser Oil, Inc. bid \$1.7050/gallon for 3,000 gallons, totaling \$5,115.00.

Innovative Energy bid \$1.79/gallon for 3,000 gallons, totaling \$5,370.00.

After brief discussion, Larry Stone made the motion to accept the bid of Fauser Oil for \$1.7050/gallon. Liz Jaster seconded. Motion carried.

SCHOOL HOUSE ROOF

While preparing for Heritage Days, it was discovered that the cedar shingle roof on the school house in the pioneer village is leaking and needs to be replaced. There are water spots on the interior sheet rock ceiling and there has been a large population of bats in the attic area which needs to be dealt with. It would be best to complete the replacement of the cedar shingles on the school house this fall, but an attempt to obtain an estimate was not successful. The roof of the school house is similar in size to the depot roof which was re-roofed for \$2,670.00. Liz Jaster made the motion to proceed with the re-shingling of the school house roof. Larry Stone seconded. Motion carried. Tim Engelhardt will notify the Chair if estimates for the project are higher than anticipated.

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TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The Clayton County Board of Supervisors have hired RC&D to write a grant for Clayton County to become the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority. Tim Engelhardt explained the goals of the Turkey River Watershed Authority and has written a letter of support from the CCCB. The Authority would involve all political subdivisions in the long-term goal of reducing the impact of flooding on Clayton County. Larry Stone made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to proceed applying to be part of Turkey River Watershed Authority. Joe Ihm seconded. Motion carried.

Heritage Days was a successful event attended by a large number of people. The Board wants to commend the staff of Clayton County Conservation for their work in organizing and managing this event.

UPDATES

WOW, the staff has had quite a past month!

The contract with Tekippe Engineering has been forwarded to the DOT. It has not been officially signed yet, expecting it to be completed by the board meeting.

Have continued research on the Garland property.

Clayton County will be applying for a grant through the DNR to become a Wetland Management Authority. RC&D will be writing the grant due sometime toward the end of October.

The Motor Mill Residential house is moving forward. The asbestos survey has been completed. Waiting for the survey results. The RFP for the abatement is waiting and will be sent out when survey report is in hand. The Archeological RFP has been sent out and due at the beginning of November. RFP for demo will sent out in mid October.

We are continuing to work with FEMA and SHPO concerning the removal of the silt in the basement.

VJ Engineering will be meeting with Engelhardt, Koopman and deNeui in the next couple of weeks to review and the bridge plans before we go to final design.

The Turkey River Corridor submitted a UMGC for \$20,000 for the Motor Mill Bridge. We were successful in that grant.

The Motor Mill Foundation will be kicking off their Capital Fund Campaign focused on the bridge and the building restoration projects. Our goal is \$500,000. We will start advertising at Heritage Days and begin a letter campaign and personal visits starting October 17.

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We are working through the Osborne Water system issues. Shawver Well filmed the well and then scrubbed the well casing and shocked the entire system. We are hoping this will take care of the bacteria issues. The cost will be between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

Ozzie the bear was sick for a few days. The vet came out and ran some tests. Did not really discover what was wrong but she has recovered and is back to normal.

Deer Run Resort conducted wagon rides down Pony Hollow Trail on September 24. Six loads of about 30 people per load.

Three board members and two staff members along with several MMF members attended the REAP Assembly on Wed September 21. Brian Gibbs was elected and Joe Ihm as the alternate to the REAP Congress in Des Moines in January.

Anderson and Engelhardt qualified with their firearms during the County Shoot held on September 24. They will be in DM from October 3-5 for CCPOA Training.

Engelhardt will be on vacation to South Carolina the week of October 24 for Erin's graduation from Basic Training.

Clayton County saw 250 geocaching teams come to the county on the weekend of September 24. They were based in Elkader.

Mulford and Anderson have been taking care of the mowing since the grass has not stopped growing yet. Finished up on September 29 and should be the last mow of the season.

They have been cleaning and prepping the areas for Heritage Days and starting to wrap things up for the summer season.

Heritage Days set up has started slowly and working through the lists of things to do.

During Heritage Days prep work through the buildings it was discovered that the roof on the school house will need to be replaced next year.

Both Engelhardt and Anderson have assisted the Sheriff's Office on ATV issues on two separate incidents.

The naturalists have had several fall school visits during the past month.

Gibbs has been working with Bill Norris at Bixby on Plant Surveys. He has also been working with several schools on Monarch tagging which has been completed for the season. Along with that, he has worked with Jon Stravers on Hawk Banding.

The fun run had 56 runners. We had a great sponsorship this year as well.

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Gibbs worked with EWALU and Backbone Outdoor Adventure Day and taught ecology at Big Springs Science Day. He is also working with Central School on a fishing program.

Harkrader conducted several public programs through the past month with a total of 40 people attending the programs.

Harkrader has been very busy putting all of the background work together for Heritage Days.

The Welcome Center served 829 guests in the month of September. We are about right where we were last year at this time.

Next month we will begin the budget process.

The two private water samples that was taken after the well work have come back good. The state samples will be taken on Tuesday October 11.

We were informed today that we were awarded the State Recreational Trails grant for the Motor Mill Trail for \$250,000. This is what we had requested.

A very successful Heritage Days. We had really nice weather on both days and large crowds on both days with Saturday being larger. Staff spent some time this morning discussing improvements for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Ihm made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Larry Stone seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Krambeer, Secretary