

Clayton County Conservation Board
Minutes
June 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, June 14, at Motor Mill. Chair Elizabeth Jaster called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Other board members present were Marilyn Lenth and Daryl Landsgard. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and office manager Harry Luster also attended. Brian Fankhauser and Ross Baxter from Iowa National Heritage Foundation were guests.

AGENDA

Lenth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Landsgard seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Landsgard moved to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ENO PROPERTY –

Fankhauser and Baxter discussed INHF position on the Eno Property. They understand the position we are in but are willing to discuss them taking over property in its entirety. Board members present didn't want to make decision without full board present, therefore this item is tabled until the July meeting.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL –

Pollock closing out the federal aid. When a new route is planned, Board will need to start from the beginning submitting the new route to the DOT. Pollock still in discussions with private landowners about route options.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING UPDATE –

Total for updating parking lot lights is anticipated at \$1,445.64, this is for updating connections and installing LED lights.

BANK STABILIZATION PROJECTS –

Pollock gave updates on the Turkey River Park and Pony Hollow/Roberts Creek bank stabilization projects. More information on Pony Hollow project suggestions will be coming at future meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pollock presented a thank you from ISU Extension for Tucker's help at their field day, several thank you notes from field trips, information on the federal aid seminar, and calls on water trail access in Mederville.

CLAIMS

Luster reviewed the claims through June 14. Landsgard moved to approve the claims as presented. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Luster reviewed the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2016. Lenth moved that the board had reviewed and accepted the financial report. Landsgard seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

GUTTENBERG TRAIL – RAFE KOOPMAN

Koopman was present to discuss the request for the CCCB to provide maintenance on a bike/walking trail from Guttenberg city limits to about the island road (approximately 1 mile). This would only be for the section of the trail that is off road where secondary roads cannot get road maintenance equipment. Lenth moved to support the project and maintenance agreement for this section. Landsgard seconded the motion. Carried.

FEEDBACK ON CLASSROOM NATURALISTS

Survey was sent to teachers that held classroom programs and the survey was filled out by 16 teachers. Possibility of getting more feedback but the survey was not sent out until towards the end of the school year. Positive responses for the Naturalists providing the programs but there were also suggestions for improvement included that Pollock will follow up on.

GREAT RIVER ROAD REPRESENTATIVE

Pollock requested permission to be the Great River Road Representative in our County. Local meetings are quarterly, state & national meetings are held semi-annually. Landsgard made the motion to allow Pollock to serve as the representative as part of her Director duties. Lenth seconded the motion. Carried.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

6/13, 15, 17, 18 – Hunter Education Osborne

6/14 – Guttenberg Trail Meeting

6/16- Mystery Mingle, Munch, Mob

6/25– Chewing the Scenery (Bloody Run)

7/9 – Big River History Float (Frenchtown)

7/21- Mystery Mingle, Munch, Mob

8/13 – How It Came To Be (Pike's Peak State Park)

8/18 – Mystery Mingle, Munch, Mob

UPDATES

All seasonal staff has started at Osborne (7 total).

Mulford, Burlage & Anderson conducted routine maintenance, animal care, and tree cleanup.

Schoulte, Kraus and Luster welcomed 671 visitors in May (not including school groups).

Luster, Anderson, Mulford and Pollock assisted with Operation Releaf tree distribution for Alliant Energy.

Harkrader presented to school groups about JNP and assisted Slocum in presenting 65 programs to 1293 participants.

New flooring has been installed at Osborne.

The Turkey River Park Shelter has been removed. New shelter should be built in late June/early July.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenth moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Landsgard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jaster, Chair