

Clayton County Conservation Board

Minutes

March 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Vice-chair Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Other members present were Marilyn Lenth, Pam Vaske, and Larry Stone. Board director Jenna Pollock and office manager Harry Luster also attended. Mike Tucker of Martin-Gardner Architecture was a guest.

AGENDA

Stone moved to approve the agenda, which was corrected to read "Motor Mill Trail," instead of "Pony Hollow Trail," under old business. Vaske seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Lenth moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017, meeting as distributed. Stone seconded. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pollock reported that the Clayton County and Dubuqueland Pheasants Forever chapters and the Turkey Valley Sportsmen have donated two guns to the Board for use in the hunter education program.

CLAIMS

Stone moved to approve the March claims as presented by Luster. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lenth moved to accept the February financial report as presented by Luster. Stone seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance shop

Mike Tucker, of Martin-Gardner Architecture explained the plans for the new maintenance shop. In addition to the plans as presented, the board discussed the potential of needing a larger septic system for the floor drains, and an alternative bid for in-floor heat. The board agreed to specify underground electrical

service.

Tucker outlined the following schedule: March 14, approval to go out to bids; March 20, release to bidders; April 6, onsite pre-bid meeting; April 13, bid opening; April 17, public hearing and awarding of contract; May, start construction, Aug. 30, substantial completion.

Lenth moved to approve the plans and the proposed schedule. Stone seconded. Carried. The board set the public hearing and contract awarding for April 17, at 1 p.m., at the Osborne Center.

(The board recessed the regular meeting between 6 and 7 p.m. to hear a program by Chad Graeve, of the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board on the Guiding Principles of Natural Area Management.)

Motor Mill Trail

Pollock has distributed requests for proposals (RFPs) to four firms who might bid on designing the Motor Mill trail. Those proposals are due March 31.

Retz

The transfer of the deed for Retz Memorial Woods from The Nature Conservancy to the Clayton County Conservation Board has been completed.

Eno

Pollock has had discussions with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation about the Eno property, and whether INHF would be willing to retain ownership. The issue has not yet been resolved.

The board discussed the need to remove old machinery and other items from the Eno property. Ray Peterson has expressed an interest in one of the old tractors, and has indicated a willingness to haul other items to Clayton County Recycling at Luana for scrap.

Lenth moved to authorize Pollock to begin an environmental clean up at the Eno property. Vaske seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

UTV ordinance

The board discussed a draft of an Off-road Utility Vehicle ordinance that is being considered by the Clayton County Board of Supervisors. Pollock and board

members voiced concern about whether the use of UTVs might increase noise and/or traffic in parks – especially when parks are closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. The board also noted that rules pertaining to firearms on UTVs should apply to passengers, as well as the operator.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 18 – Motor Motor 5K run

April 28 – Garlic Mustard Cook-off

June 2 – Disc golf tournament, Elkader

Updates

Slocum & Harkrader presented 86 programs to 1573 youth and 600 adults in the month of February

Kraus & Luster Welcomed 210 visitors in February

Staff hosted IA DNR Staff for Scientific Collector's CWD Special Hunt

Mulford performed routine maintenance, animal care, spring park closings, etc.

Harkrader worked with Stone to complete Silos & Smokestacks Intern Grant

Slocum prepared for Motor Motor 5K, solicited donations, prepared awards and materials, coordinated event

Kraus & Pollock began to reorganize filing system, tracking log-ins, contacts and grant opportunities

Pollock met with other county and state departments on collaborative project opportunities

Seasonal Applicants Deadline was March 6th. Office Manager Applicant Deadline March 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenth moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at the Osborne Conservation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary