

Clayton County Conservation Board Minutes
May 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Osborne Conservation Center. Vice-chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Other members present were Pam Vaske and Larry Stone. Board director, Jenna Pollock, and office manager, Molly Scherf, also attended. Guests in attendance were Emily Yaddoff, Elkader Development Corporation Director, and Justin Rath, guest speaker for OHV parks.

AGENDA

Stone moved to approve the agenda with the correction of “permit request for bloody run” under new business. This was printed correctly for the meeting but on the agenda sent out it was incorrect. Vaske seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Stone moved to approve the minutes with the corrections of adding “recently retired” to Harry Luster. He also added “Naturalist Abbey Harkrader and board member Larry Stone helped secure the Silo and Smokestacks Intern Grant for 2017 to host a Motor Mill Intern.” Vaske seconded and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

CLAIMS

Vaske moved to approve April claims as presented by Pollock. Stone seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pollock reported that the budget should currently be at 16% remaining for fiscal year. The budget will be spent by end of June with operations on construction and architecture and REAP on remaining flood issues. There was some confusion between the treasurer and auditors offices when some uncashed checks were cancelled. This matter has been corrected. Revenue is low but should pick up with camping season. Stone moved to approve the financial report as presented by Pollock. Vaske seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Eno property update and budget FY18 discussion have been tabled for June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permit Request for Bloody Run: Pollock reported that an individual would like to sell firewood on Fridays at Bloody Run Campground during the camping season. The individual would sell a rack=4cu/ft for \$5 without twine or string. He has a licence with the DNR and is selling appropriate species from a TSI project. Currently wood is brought in by the campers or drug out of the surrounding wooded area and large limbs are often left in pits for crew to cleanup. Vaske moved the CCCB will allow the sales this year on a trial basis and see how it goes. Next year if there is more competition the individuals will need to place a bid for the job. Stone seconded and the motion carried.
2. OHV Park near North Buena Vista: Justin Rath presented information on behalf of the Iowa OHV parks. Pollock will present this information to the Board of Supervisors.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

May 15th "Better Know a Property" - Hike at Pleasant Ridge Wildlife Unit

June 2nd Disc Golf Tournament in Elkader

June 3rd Free Fishing Youth Derby at Backbone

July 15th Murky Turkey Floatilla

UPDATES

Kraus welcomed 129 visitors, restocked the Iowa Room, completed claims and deposits for the month.

Harkrader and Slocum presented 14 programs to 589 youth, 74 adults, prepared summer work schedules, conducted interviews and hired seasonal staff (2 naturalists and 1 Motor Mill Intern). Mulford and Anderson conducted interviews and hired 5 seasonal staff for maintenance. Mulford replaced the visitor information kiosk, bear-proofed the animal exhibit, and began spring maintenance at parks.

Anderson recertified and attended CCPOA training in Black Hawk Co. and he led a station for Safety Fair at Starmont.

Pollock organized summer patrol and welcome center schedules, assisted with claims, deposits, year-end budget adj., shop construction, event planning and promotion on collaborative projects, welcomed visitors, and FEMA processing.

ADJOURNMENT

Landsgard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Stone seconded and motion passed.

JUNE MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th, 2:00pm at Frenchtown County Park. Visioning with staff and SWOT Analysis for five-year plan update.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Scherf, Office Manager