

# **CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION**

Promote the health and general welfare of the people; to model and encourage preservation, conservation, education and recreation through responsible use and appreciation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.

February 13, 2024 BOARD MEETING 6pm Osborne

Board Chair Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Members present included Larry Stone, Dave Asche, Natasha Hegmann, and Gary Kregel. Director Jenna Pollock and Naturalist and Resource Manager Kenny Slocum were also present.

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kregel. All voted in favor. Motion approved

Hegmann made a motion to approve the minutes and presented, seconded by Stone. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kregel made a motion to pay the claims and Hegmann seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the monthly report provided by the Auditor's Office.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Election of Officers: Kregel motioned to retain Daryl Landsgard as Chairman, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot and cease nominations. Second by Larry. All voted in favor. Landsgard elected to Chair.
  - Stone motioned for Kregel to serve as vice-chair and that secretary cast a unanimous ballot, Hegmann seconded.
  - Kregel made a motion to nominate Larry as secretary and cast a unanimous ballot, Hegmann seconded. Voted in favor.
- 2. Consider gift of land bequest.
  - Pollock presented some aerial images and slight background on property near Marquette and Bloody Run County Park. The board questioned whether the city would be a better interest. Slocum shared the trail vision from Marquette/McGregor visioning. Discussion to continue at a future meeting.
- 3. Consider MOU with E911 coordinator
  - Conservation will clear snow from Chicken Ridge and the Motor Mill Bridge.
- 4. Consider Resolution for TAP funding of Pony Hollow Trail Phase 2
  - a. Kregel made a motion to approve, Hegmann seconded. Rollcall: Landsgard Aye, Kregel- Aye, Hegmann aye, Asche- aye, Stone- aye. Approved.
- 5. Consider Upper Mississippi Gaming Corp grant application
  - a. Hegmann moved to allow conservation staff to pursue the application, Kregel seconded. Approved.
- 6. Consider Clayton County Foundation for the Future grant application to match prescribed burn rig funds awarded through UMGC 2023.
  - a. Kregel motioned to allow conservation staff to pursue the application, Hegmann seconded. Approved.

#### **Old Business**

Discuss Energy Coordinator Position (Roles & Delegation)
 Discussed whether the Energy Coach can cover the financial pieces pertaining to education and administration. Kregel would prefer we hire a full-time staff and leave CFGD/CCED out of the agreement. Discussions to continue after FY25 budget approval.

**Upcoming Programs/Events** available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

### **Director's Report/Updates/Communications**

Welcome Center numbers included 106 individuals and 18 groups in January Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 47 presentations to 777 youth and 236 adults, 30 hours

## **Open Items**

Hegman made a motion to adjourn, Stone seconded. All voted in favor and motion to approve. **Next meeting scheduled:** March 12, 2024 Osborne 6pm