

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.

March 12, 2024 BOARD MEETING 6pm Osborne

Board Vice-Chair Gary Kregel called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. Members present included Larry Stone, Dave Asche, and Natasha Hegmann. Director Jenna Pollock and Office Manager Molly Scherf were also present.

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

Stone made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction in New Business #3 by adding "clear of snow", seconded by Hegmann. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

New Business

1. Consider awarding shower and restroom foundation bid:

One bid was received from B&R Construction in the amount of \$16,180. This contractor has also spoken to Vorwald about the septic and water connections so Pollock is confident they will be able to work together on this project.

Stone motioned to award the bid to B&R Construction for \$16,180, Hegmann seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Director Evaluation:

Forms and instructions were dispersed. Evaluations to be reviewed at April meeting.

Old Business

1. <u>Discuss Energy Coordinator Position</u>:

Pollock reached out to the auditor to see if budget with this additional salary had been set as requested or if changes had been made. No clear answer was received. Energy District would like the two chairs and Pollock to meet and discuss the workload of this position. Pollock will see if Landsgard is able to do this otherwise another board member could represent the CCCB.

2. Update on gift of land:

Denny Mason is assisting the City of McGregor with a timber legacy project right now. Discussion with CCCB is on hold for now.

Upcoming Programs/Events available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 194 individuals and 32 groups in February.

Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 72 presentations to 1030 youth and 234 adults, 61 hours

Pollock presented to the Enhanced IA CAT board on the grant application for Pony Hollow Trail (PHT) extension. She also met with Ryan Wick of Fehr Graham and John Moyna about the proposed trail layout. Wick reported that projects are coming in 15-20% lower than what engineers are projecting. Fehr Graham engineer for PHT was unclear on the RFP agreement which should cover both miles. More discussion will happen regarding this.

Pollock will be putting together a proposal for engineering the 2-mile Agate Rd project. It was thought that the county engineer would be willing to do this, but he has other obligations therefore we will need to find someone else.

Motor Mill Foundation presented to the Board of Supervisors asking to approve placing a sign within the park recognizing Jon DeNeui and the work he put into the bridge.

Bids for the Motor Mill stable roof just went public. They are posted on our website and will soon be in the local papers.

Stone made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm, Hegmann seconded. All voted in favor and motion to approve.

Next meeting scheduled: April 9, 2024 Osborne 6pm