

Monday, February 12, 2018  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, February 12, 2018 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Dennis Heetland at 7:02 p.m. at Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Sandy Trampe, Verl Duncan and Allen Kadolph

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Nick Baumgarten and Conservation Tech Cody Barloon.

**Guests:** Brett Weiland of Weiland Lawn Care Service, Darron Kube of Lawns 4 Less and Nick LaVelle of LaVelle Lawn Care LLC

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the February 12, 2018 monthly claims. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Monthly Reports:** All reports were given and read. Verl Duncan made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**Annual Report:** Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the 2017 Hardin County Conservation Annual Report and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Open Park Mowing Bids:** Park mowing bids were received from J & J Lawn Care, LaVelle Lawn Care LLC, Lawns 4 Less, Weiland Lawn Care Service and Z & Z Glass/Chad. The bids were opened and discussed by the Board. The 2018 park mowing season again reflects three groups of areas that could be bid on. The bidder could bid on one group or all three groups.

The park mowing contract for group "1" was awarded to Brett Weiland of Weiland Lawn Care Service of Garden City, Iowa with a motion by Allen Kadolph. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Group "2" was awarded to Nick LaVelle of LaVelle Lawn Care of Eldora, Iowa with a motion by Sandy Trampe and it was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried. Group "3" was awarded to Grant Johnson of J & J Lawn Care of Wellsburg, Iowa with a motion by Allen Kadolph. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

**Equipment Purchase:** After discussion, Allen Kadolph made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 20'x5' Big Tex Gooseneck Trailer with LoPro Mega Ramps less a trade-in of two older trailers for a cost of \$5,100.00. It was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Name New Wetland:** Director Wes Wiese presented to the Board some of the suggested names for the new wetland located along D-15 between Iowa Falls and Ackley. The suggested names were Legacy Wetland, Widgeon Slough, Prairie Landing and North Hardin Wetland. After much discussion, Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the name of "*Legacy Wildlife Area*". It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

**Director's Annual Evaluation:** Tabled until the March 12, 2018 Board Meeting.

**Other Items:** Director shared with the Board that Natural Resource Manager Nick Baumgarten was elected President of the Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society at their winter meeting on February 7-8, 2018 in Ames, Iowa.

**Adjournment:** Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.