

Monday, April 9, 2018
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, April 9, 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: Jessica Lara

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

Guests: Aaron Armstrong, Steve Priske and Randy Copeman

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Trampe made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 and March 20, 2018 (Strategic Planning) Board Meetings. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Allen Kadolph made the motion to approve the April 9, 2018 monthly claims. It was seconded by Sandy Trampe. 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 Sandy Trampe. All members voted aye, the motion carried.

General Business

Aaron Armstrong, Steamboat Rock: Aaron Armstrong of Steamboat Rock was on hand to discuss with the Board his ideas for promoting Hardin County and tourism. All was information only and no motion needed.

Pine Ridge Rifle Club Lease: Steve Priske and Randy Copeman with the Pine Ridge Rifle Club were present to submit their yearly proof of insurance and check. Director Wes Wiese and Steve Priske will meet at the Courthouse to sign and have notarized the lease agreement. Also discussed was the decking on the bridge at the entrance to the rifle range. This was information only, no motion needed.

Electric Service Invoice/Calkins: The electric service invoice for Calkins Nature Area was paid in its entirety by The Friends of Calkins Nature Area. This was information only and no motion was needed.

IDNR Habitat Grant: Natural Resource Manager Nick Baumgarten presented to the Board the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund Grant Application for the Legacy Wildlife Area which is located along Hwy. D-15 between Iowa Falls and Ackley, Iowa. After discussion, Sandy Trampe made a motion to approve the application and resolution with the necessary changes to the project narrative. It was seconded by Allen Kadolph. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

TVs at Tower Rock Cabins: Tabled until the May 14, 2018 Board Meeting.

Tower Rock Cabins/Advertising: The Board discussed possible advertising for the Tower Rock Cabins. This was information only and no motion was needed.

Other Items: Natural Resource Manager Nick Baumgarten has been in negotiation with a goat producer from Williams, Iowa. This producer is requesting insurance for the goats while in HCC's possession this summer. The Board gave their consensus to purchase the appropriate insurance. No motion was necessary.

There was further discussion with the Board as Director Wes Wiese gave updates on the Pine Ridge Park bathhouse and the search for park hosts at the Daisy Long Park. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Adjournment: Allen Kadolph made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Verl Duncan. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.