

Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Tuesday, May 11, 2021, meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Kirk Rice at 6:04 p.m. at Headquarters.

**Board Members Attending:** Vice-Chair Kirk Rice, Trent Lambert, Jo Baumann, Patty Hammer, and Allen Kadolph (ex-officio).

**Board Members Absent:** Chair Jessica Lara.

**Staff Members Attending:** Director Wes Wiese, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, Natural Resource Manager Kit Paper, Interpretive Park Ranger Cam Grubic.

**Guests:** Steve Throssel of Eldora, Chair Jeremy Heem, Taylor Eighmy and Rena Heem of Whistling Wings Chapter of Delta Waterfowl.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trent Lambert made the motion to approve the April 13, 2021, regular minutes. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021, monthly claims. The motion was seconded by Trent Lambert. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Monthly Special Reports:** All reports were given and discussed. Trent Lambert made the motion to approve all monthly reports and it was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **General Business**

**Pine Lake Saddle Club:** Board member Trent Lambert submitted a letter from Lucas Smith, President of Pine Lake Saddle Club. The club is requesting trail rides for:

- Sac & Fox Overlook at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2021.
- Rainsbarger Wildlife Area and Leverton Timber at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2021.
- The all-day ride on Sunday, October 3, 2021, is thru Sac & Fox Overlook, Rainsbarger Wildlife Area and Leverton Timber.

Jo Baumann made a motion to approve the rides as presented with a requirement to include rain-dates in the event of adverse weather. The motion was seconded by Patty Hammer. All members voted aye except Trent Lambert who abstained. The motion carried.

**Sands Spring Wildlife Area/Fencing:** The Director and Board discussed the boundary fence between Sands Spring Wildlife Area and Allen Jasper's property. The Director had received one estimate to repair or replace Hardin County Conservation's portion of the fence. Patty Hammer made a motion to get a second estimate for the repair or replacement of Hardin County Conservation's portion of the fence. The motion was seconded by Jo Baumann. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Iowa River Conservation Improvement Club Property:** Director Wes Wiese gave the Board an update on the progress of the purchase agreement with the Board of the Iowa River Conservation Improvement Club. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Conservation Easement-Wetland Mitigation:** The Board reviewed the Conservation Easement-Wetland Mitigation Bank/Pine Creek. There was one correction to be made; instead of 15537 *South* Avenue it should read 15537 *S* Avenue. All was information only and no motion was needed.

**Other Items:** Chair Jeremy Heem of Whistling Wings Chapter of the Delta Waterfowl of Iowa Falls was in attendance to speak with the Board on promoting the chapter and to discuss future projects to partner with Hardin County Conservation. Delta Waterfowl is a duck hunters' organization that promotes and protects waterfowl hunting. All was information only and no motion was needed.

Other items discussed by the Director and Board:

- Grant awarded for \$5,800.00 from the Schiller Fund for a shelter house at Bessman-Kemp Park.
- LAWCON Grant for \$125,000.00 for Pine Ridge Park septic system.
- Tree Memorial for James Maakestad at Meier Wildlife Refuge.
- Driveway parking at the Sac & Fox Overlook.
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- Nathan Carr is the new Hardin/Hamilton County DNR Game Warden.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chair Kirk Rice called the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.