

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Osborne Park. Vice-chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were Marilyn Lenth, Pam Vaske, and Larry Stone. Gary Kregel was absent. Staff present were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

Additions to the agenda are Old Business #3 Eno Property and New Business #6 Mederville Property. Lenth made a motion to approve the agenda with these additions, Stone seconded the motion and it passed.

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the minutes, Lenth seconded and motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pollock had nothing to report at this time.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Lenth to approve the claims. This was seconded by Vaske and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scherf has corrected the financial report to match the auditor's report. Stone made a motion to approve the financial report, Vaske seconded it, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **FY19 Budget Planning:** Budget is due to the Supervisors January 15, 2018. Pollock and Scherf shared with the board the proposed budget. The board would like to change Concrete/Clay Products in operations to \$8,000, Permanent Landscaping to \$7,200, and remove Development of Buildings \$30,000. The board directed Scherf and Pollock to present the proposed budget to the County Board of Supervisors and the Auditor.
2. **Five-Year Plan Update:** Pollock presented to the board the mission, vision, values, and Education and Recreation goals that she and the naturalists worked on. The board encouraged the planning process to continue with staff input on other goal areas.
3. **Eno Declaratory Judgement:** Pollock reported that a witness from Conservation is needed at the judgement hearing. She is willing to do this unless someone else would like to. Stone will go through his notes from that time and meet with Pollock to go over them before the court date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Bylaws:

3.3 A motion was made by Lenth to remove this entire statement. This was seconded by Stone and the motion passed.

8.1 Remove second sentence. Add "Meeting minutes and financial reports are available at Clayton County Conservation and the Clayton County auditor's office."

3.1 Change "December" to "January".

3.2.1 Change "aligning" to "signing".

2.3 Add "A quorum may be obtained by phone in situations where necessary"

2. Board Member Orientation: Stone made a motion to table until March. This was seconded by Lenth and the motion passed.

3. Board Asset Inventory: Stone made a motion to table until March. This was seconded by Lenth and the motion passed.

4. Election of Officers: Lenth made a motion that current officers remain in their positions, Vaske seconded and the motion passed.

5. Animal Exhibit-Future: Pollock reported that the USDA doesn't allow de-clawing of animals. Also a rope or natural barrier would be sufficient around the deer pen to discourage human to deer contact. Scherf found a young cougar for sale in Minnesota. The board is interested in pursuing the deer fence and cougar.

6. Mederville Property: Pollock was told by Jim Jansen that there is a property that adjoins county property on Emblem Road in Mederville up for sale. Jansen suggested conservation pay attention to the future sale of this property as it has a good spring on it that would be ideal for brown trout. Pollock is waiting to hear from the tax sale certificate holder.

UPCOMING

DNR has asked to use Osborne as sign up and reporting site for an additional deer hunt for CWD. A public meeting will be held in Elkader on January 18, 2018. The hunt is scheduled for January 20-28th, 2018.

Jan 16- Nature Kids

Jan 23- This Land is Your Land: A History

Feb 10- Snowfest

March 3- Bluebird House Workshop

March 17- Motor Motor 5K

ADJOURNED

Lenth made a motion to adjourn meeting, Vaske seconded and motion passed.