

## CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Osborne. Vice-chairman, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Larry Stone, Marilyn Lenth and Pam Vaske. Absent was Gary Kregel. Staff present was Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

## AGENDA

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

## MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the January 14, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

## CLAIMS

Stone made a motion to approve the claims, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

No report at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Consider Awarding Motor Mill Trail Project-

One bid was received from C. J. Moyna and Sons of Elkader for \$851,952.

Pollock stated that there is \$612,000 remaining in grant money, \$200,000 in Reserve account that isn't earmarked, and \$85,000 in REAP. Locally \$5,000 has been raised with a commitment of \$10,000. Pollock is visiting local businesses to push the capital campaign.

Stone made a motion to award the Motor Mill trail project to C. J. Moyna and Sons, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

### 2. Discuss 2020 Management Plan for Canoe Access/Parking Area at Becker East (2 acres) –

Pollock reported to the board that the 2.3 acres were seeded multiple times last year and all that grew were weeds as an eye-sore. If conservation is unable to make a canoe landing at this time Pollock would like to offer the 2.3 acres back to John Thompson who rents the rest of the property until a plan is made. After discussion the board agreed with Pollock and asked her to contact Thompson.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Consider Awarding Third Floor Bids –

Bid 1- Mueser Lumber: \$18,800 for carpentry

Bid 2 – Knockel: \$9,316.22 for carpet

Bid 3 – Central Plumbing and Heating: \$5,243 for HVAC

Bid 4 – NE IA Mechanical: \$4,923.89 for HVAC

Bid 5 – Builder's First Source: \$16,488.90 for carpentry

Bid 6 – Gregerson Electric: \$7,319 for electric

Bid 7 – Walvatine Electric: \$7,096.53 for electric  
Bid 8 – Matt Shaffer: \$29,930 for carpentry  
Lenth made a motion to approve Walvatne Electric for the electric work of \$7,096.53, NE IA Mechanical for the HVAC at \$4,923.89, and Builder’s First Source for the carpentry work at \$16,488.90, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Consider Awarding Gator Bids --

Bid 1 – Bodensteiner John Deere: 2020 HPX815E 4x4 \$11,150, 2020 Gator 6x4 \$9,750  
Bid 2 – TnT Powersports: 2019 Defender HD8 DPS 4x4 \$8,170.25 (extras of winch, front bumper and roof \$1,143), 2020 Defender ProXT HD10 \$14,875, Defender 6x6 DPS \$13,275.25,

Lenth made a motion to purchase the 2019 Defender for \$8,170.25 from TNT with the additional winch, roof, and bumper for \$1,143, Vaske seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

3. Consider Approval for CY2020 Grant Applications – Pollock told the board about all of the grants the conservation staff plan to apply for. Many of them need approval of the board. Lenth made the motion that the board endorses the staff’s efforts to apply for these grants. Vaske seconded the motion, unanimous approval. Passed.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

February 20	Mark Twain/Huckleberry Finn	Elkader Public Library	6pm
March 1	Deadline for Summer Internship Applications		4pm
March 7	Bluebird House Workshop		10am
March 21	Motor Motor 5K	Motor Mill	8am

**Director’s Report/Updates/Communications**

31 presentations were delivered to 511 youth, 45 adults for 18 group hours through Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Welcome Center visitors for December included 13 groups and 156 individuals on the voluntary register by Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.

Conservation Staff attended IACCB/ICCS Winterfest conference Jan. 28-30<sup>th</sup>.

Pollock met with the Volga Trail committee and U of I pre-engineering students to discuss a potential trail from Volga to Osborne along the Volga River.

A request came to Pollock from someone wanting a cedar tree from county property. The board does not approve of removal of trees from our property as stated in our rules and regulations.

**ADJOURNED**

Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

**NEXT MEETING**            March 10, 2020, 6pm, Osborne Conservation Center