

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Osborne Pond. Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Other members present were Pam Vaske, Marilyn Lenth, Daryl Landsgard, and Larry Stone. Staff present was Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf. Guest in attendance was Gregg Pattison, USFWS Partner's Program.

AGENDA

Landsgard moved to approve the agenda, Stone seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Landsgard moved to approve the April minutes, Stone seconded and the motion carried. Stone moved to approve the May minutes, Lenth seconded and the motion carried.

CLAIMS

There was discussion by the board about funding a Clayton County Trout Map with NE IA RC&D. This map would also show all of our county parks with boundaries. The board decided this would be a great resource and agreed to the project. A motion was made by Stone to approve the final FY18 claims, Lenth seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scherf and Pollock gave a financial report to the board. They showed that the budget final numbers were good. Lenth made a motion to approve the financial report, Landsgard seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park Management Plans Discussion with Gregg Pattison, USFWS Partner's Program

Gregg presented to board and staff on what his department does in regards to habitat programs for non-state and non-federal lands. Gregg has visited a few of the Clayton Co areas that he feels could use some habitat management work. In particular Buck Creek, Motor Mill, Bloody Run, Becker East, and Osborne could all get a management plan that would work with Oak savannah and/or prairie restoration.

After discussion the board feels this is an important partnership and wants to see these properties brought back to original habitats. A motion was made by Landsgard stating the board gives permission to Pollock to work on an agreement with Pattison and the USFWS Partner's Program. A public education article would need to be part of the agreement. This was seconded by Lenth and the motion carried.

2. 5 Year Plan Update:

The board likes how it is laid out, easy to follow and goals are measurable. Lenth made a motion to approve the plan, Vaske seconded and the motion carried.

3. Motor Mill Trail Update:

The board agreed that a public meeting should take place with Lyle TeKippe in attendance to answer questions. Pollock will look into a meeting date to be held at the county office building. The board feels they should be as transparent about this project as possible.

Pollock reports that Lyle is wrapping up the pre-engineering and the construction letting date is now up to the IADOT. She also reported there are federal and state recreation trail grants available to seal coat Galaxy Road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Osborne Electric Meter Consolidation Bids:

One bid was received from Walvatne Electric for \$5,730.00. Landsgard moved to approve the bid for Walvatne Electric, Stone seconded and the motion carried.

2. Osborne Pond Retaining Wall Bids:

Two bids were received for the retaining wall. Keppler Landscaping was \$22,443.58* and \$25,870.86 while Outdoor Creations was \$17,444.00* (*same block was bid). Stone moved to accept the Outdoor Creations bid of \$17,444.00, Lenth seconded it and the motion carried.

3. Osborne Conservation Center Water Fountain Bids:

Two bids were received to install two water fountains and dispose of old fixtures. Central Plumbing and Heating was for \$2,690 and NEIA Mechanical was for \$2,460.86. Vaske made a motion to accept the bid from NEIA Mechanical, Stone seconded and the motion carried.

4. Public Restrooms Facility Discussion

Pollock reported that with recent high waters in some of our county parks the pit toilets have filled and need pumping. It is believed the issue is from silt gathering around the pit toilet structures, changing the grade of the lawn. The board suggested trying to push silt away and leveling out the lawn before doing anything more costly.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

June 15	Nature Kids – Osborne Pond
June 21	OWLS – Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch
June 26-27	JNP
July 13	Disc Golf Tournament

ADJOURNMENT

Stone moved to adjourn the meeting, Landsgard seconded and motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled July 10 at 2pm.