

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Becker West property. Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. Other members present were Pam Vaske, Marilyn Lenth, Daryl Landsgard, and Larry Stone. Staff present was Jenna Pollock, Director and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Correction was made to wage certification and changing “per diem” to “per contract”. Landsgard made a motion to approve the June 11 meeting minutes with the corrections, second by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The report was discussed by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss management plans for pine stand at Osborne- Pollock dispersed a couple campground designs created by Kenny Slocum, resource manager. With no market for pine and much of the stand dying there hasn't been a concrete plan for the area after the dead trees are removed. Slocum came up with the idea of removing the dead trees and creating campground sites with electrical hookups. The board agrees this is something worth looking into. Perhaps start with designing a few sites with the option to expand.

2. Update on flood repairs- Pollock met with Koehn Construction and they decided to withdraw bids on the projects from the previous meeting. Subsequent to withdrawal all bids went to Keppler Custom Hire.

Pollock spoke with Paul Keppler on the projects he has done on Pony Hollow Trail and Turkey River Park. The rock used was not rock rap and Keppler was 100 ft. short on the trail work specified but completed the bid via material quantity requested.

In future bid documents Pollock will specify class of rock and be more specific on what is wanted to complete the projects.

Projects left to be completed are the west end of Turkey River Park and the Frieden bank stabilization. Keppler would like to wait until the river drops to do these two projects.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and consideration for LED conversion of Osborne Center- There will be a group coming to Osborne tomorrow (July 10th) to decide if we can downsize the amount of fixtures by going to LED. Pollock will be walking around the building with them and hope to get enough information that she can put out bid documents for the conversion project. She would anticipate having the bids back by August.

2. Consideration of FY20 camping rates- Pollock advised that camping rates are usually reviewed and set by conservation boards. Currently two parks are \$5 per night and the remaining parks are \$10 per night. The \$5 sites have no water in the park. The board would like to table this discussion until the January meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

July 12	60 Years as a Conservation Board Cookout
July 13-14	Hunter Education
July 18	OWLS: Women in Conservation
July 26	Nature Kids: Scavenger Hunt

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

59 presentations were delivered to 478 youth, 146 adults for 81.75 group hours. Welcome Center visitors for June included 231 groups and 860 individuals on the voluntary register. Department of Cultural Affairs awarded CCCB two grants for a mural in the Nature Center and interpretive signs at the country schoolhouse. Pollock gave a summary of the County Motor Vehicle Policy and she feels it doesn't affect our employees at conservation.

ADJOURNED

Lenth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed. Stone, Vaske, Kregel, and Scherf then rode on a tour led by Pollock to Becker East and Pleasant Ridge properties.

NEXT MEETING Aug 13, 2019 2pm. Location TBD.