

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Osborne. Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were Larry Stone, Daryl Landsgard and Pam Vaske. Absent was Marilyn Lenth. Staff present was Jenna Pollock, Director and Molly Scherf. Guests in attendance were Jeff Friedlein, Pat Schaefer, Paul Keppler, John Nikolai, and Chris Schoen.

## **AGENDA**

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

## **MINUTES**

Stone made a motion to approve the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **CLAIMS**

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Vaske made a motion to approve the financial report, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. EWP-FPE consideration for Becker East- Pat Schaefer from NRCS presented the board with the eligible acres. Going off the certified reports from FSA 77 acres of cropland and 33 acres timber would be eligible in Becker East. Cropland will be paid out at \$5,117/acre and timber at \$1,547/acre. Currently 56.9 of these acres are rented out for \$185/acre in a three-year contract.

The application is due October 18, 2019 but doesn't guarantee the acres will be selected nor is the CCCB locked in to an agreement.

Pollock reports that the Becker family requested to have this property be used for conservation best practices and demonstration sites. Five of past seven years these fields have been under water.

Stone made a motion to submit the application, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

The CCCB will need to decide how many acres they would like to potentially enroll.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. LP Bids- One bid was returned for LP contracts. The bid came from Three Rivers FS for \$3342.50 at .94 per gallon. This is for 3,500 gallons delivered on a continuous fill basis.

Landsgard made a motion to accept this bid, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Fish Habitat Bids – Two bids were turned in for the Fish Habitat on the Volga River.

Ethan Koehn Construction: \$22,750

Keppler Custom Hire: \$13,750

Landsgard made a motion to accept the bid from Keppler Custom Hire for \$13,750, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

3. Millville Canoe Access Bids – Three bids were turned in for the Millville Canoe Access.

Ethan Koehn Construction: \$63,950

Keppler Custom Hire: \$85,900

Friedlein Excavating: \$80,550

Comments from the contractors were that 23 cubic yards of concrete would be enough instead of the 120 cubic yards and this would significantly drop the expense. They were also concerned with the size of rock requested and the location of the access.

Pollock notified the board that funding for this particular project was limited and these bids exceed that amount. She will seek additional funding and placement can be determined with the CCCB and contractors this fall/winter.

Stone made a motion to reject all bids, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

4. Consider Winter Hours Change/No Weekends – Pollock reported that winter visitorship on the weekends is negligible in 2018. The CCCB discussed and doesn't see any problem with being closed on weekends after Heritage Days until Easter. Kregel requested that Pollock ask the Supervisors.

5. Motor Mill Project Updates – John Nikolai of the Motor Mill Foundation Board reported to the CCCB that a road was put down into the mill without a permit to access the basement level. Keppler Custom Hire was given permission by Nikolai to do this road while they were working on the Motor Mill canoe access and already had the machinery in place.

The Motor Mill property is under ownership of the CCCB and therefore would be liable for lack of permits. Pollock has now applied for the necessary permits but would like the Motor Mill Foundation to follow the proper procedures with any upcoming projects. Conservation staff will also put down erosion control mats and seed the area.

After permits are in place silt will be removed and secondary roads gave permission for the sediment to be placed along the road north of the Mill. Nikolai also spoke with Moyna Materials about using a conveyor belt to bring the silt out of the basement. Pollock stressed that Chris Schoen, resident archeologist, would need to observe all work being done with the removal of silt. Primary purpose of removing the silt is to document the structural character of the mill and its architectural elements.

Other projects the Motor Mill Foundation will be working on are new gutters on cooperage, repairing roof of mill, changing the hatch cover color, replacing compromised beams in mill, and removing and selling machinery located on an upper floor of the mill.

The foundation is in a contract with Martin Gardner Architecture for phase one of the Inn which is designing a flood-proof 1<sup>st</sup> floor. There is some interest in using the stable as a retreat center. The Grau Oak Savannah signs have been installed.

6. Mural Contract – Three artists submitted applications for the basement mural project. One was disqualified for being located out of state. A committee reviewed the remaining two artists and selected one they felt completed the application thoroughly. The committee members are meeting with this

artist tomorrow (Oct 9<sup>th</sup>) for an interview and final decision. Total cost will be around \$16,000. Grant dollars will cover \$7,993. Additional funding will need to be found to cover costs above the grant dollars. Work will be done this November through April.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

October 12-13 Heritage Days

October 17 OWLS: Sylvan T. Runkel Citizen of the Natural World

November 16<sup>th</sup> Pony Hollow Trail 15K Run

**Director's Report/Updates/Communications**

23 presentations were delivered to 377 youth, 292 adults for 46 group hours. Welcome Center visitors for September included 151 groups and 785 individuals on the voluntary register.

**ADJOURNED**

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

**NEXT MEETING** November 12, 2019, 6pm, Osborne Conservation Center