

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Osborne Welcome Center.

Chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Gary Kregel, Pam Vaske, Larry Stone (zoom) and Marilyn Lenth. Staff present were Jenna Pollock, Kenny Slocum, and Molly Scherf.

## **AGENDA**

Kregel made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **MINUTES**

Stone made a motion to approve the 1/11/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **CLAIMS**

Kregel made a motion to approve all claims, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT**

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Authorize the Chair to Sign and Submit Transportation Alternative Program Grant FY26*– Pollock reported there will be about \$133,000 available this round which is lower than previous years. She would like to apply and have funds go towards seal-coating Galaxy Rd from Grandview to the Motor Mill Bridge. She is waiting on a cost estimate from County Engineer, Rage Koopman. Kregel made a motion to authorize the chair to sign the grant documents, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.
2. *Discuss the Winneshiek Co. Solid Waste Grant* – The board discussed options of keeping the hazardous waste collection and appliance recycling or adding something new. No other ideas were suggested. Pollock suggested for the educational portion doing a presentation on composting and biochar. The grant proposal will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
3. *Upper Iowa University Potential Partnership on Biochar Discussion* – Dr. Stoffel was interested in Slocum’s proposal of having students help with his biochar project. Dr. Stoffel thought that a few seniors would use it as a project but none of them seemed interested. Instead she has incorporated it into her classroom curriculum and they will do research, experimenting, etc. She has also asked the chemistry dept. for assistance.

This is a very labor intensive project and Pollock is concerned about how much time it will take away from Slocum's other work. He is willing to do some tests on his own time. The board agreed he could use work time to collect items needed and then do the burn on his own time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Driftless Area Wetland Centre (DAWC) Update--  
Marquette City Council fully funded the DAWC for FY23 with the contingency the DAWC board continues discussions with the conservation board. Pollock will be attending a meeting with them next week. She has also notified the Board of Supervisors.
2. FY23 Budget –  
The budget has been submitted to the auditor and Board of Supervisors. The auditor had some concerns that the spending authority request was beyond the balance of funds in account 0027.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

Available at [www.claytoncountyconservation.org](http://www.claytoncountyconservation.org)

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

Welcome Center numbers included 16 groups and 138 individuals.  
Environmental Education Programs totaled 80 presentations to 1307 youth and 214 adults

USACE – dredge project near Cassville (request from WI DNR, and dairy farmers for sand...)  
IOWA DOT HWY 13 Project and 4 of our properties  
Motor Mill Trail Closing – March 2<sup>nd</sup> DOT will speak with Fehr Graham to go over all paperwork and hopefully close out the project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vaske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

**NEXT MEETING**            March 8, 2022, 6pm at Osborne