



CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION

Promote the health and general welfare of the people; to model and encourage preservation, conservation, education and recreation through responsible use and appreciation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.

March 14, 2023
BOARD MEETING
4:30pm Motor Mill Inn

Chairman Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Members present included Gary Kregel, Larry Stone, Pam Vaske and Natasha Hegmann. Director Jenna Pollock and Office Manager Molly Scherf were also present.

Stone motioned to approve the agenda, Vaske seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Stone motioned to approve the February 2023 minutes, seconded by Hegmann. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Kregel motioned to pay the claims for the month, Vaske seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the financial report from the County Auditor through 2/28/2023.

New Business

1. Inn Tour
Pollock led the board through the Motor Mill Inn to see the progress being made.
2. Consider Approval of CY2023 Camping Rates
Pollock recommended keeping the primitive camping rates at \$15/night. Kregel motioned for \$15/night camping rates, Stone seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
3. Consider Approval of CY2023 Campground Opening Dates
Pollock recommended keeping the existing opening date of May 1st for the campgrounds. Hegmann motioned for May 1st, 2023 opening date, Stone seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
4. Consider Mowing for Monarchs Program
Dubuque Co. Conservation started up this program encouraging homeowners to turn small patches of lawn into a pollinator garden. While looking into more funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife they suggested asking additional counties if they would like to start up a program as well. Stone, Landsgard, and Pollock attended a zoom meeting with Dubuque Co. to discuss the program and how they implemented it. Pollock feels Clayton could handle trying to recruit five homeowners to participate and assist them with the program. The board was concerned some town ordinances wouldn't allow this type of program so Pollock will reach out to them as well as seeing if NRCS, CAN, and Pheasants Forever would like to join in the effort.

Old Business

1. Osborne Campground Updates
Pollock reported Clayton County Conservation received a Destination Iowa Grant for \$345,000. This will put funds up to \$670,000 with the UMGC \$150,000, LAWCON \$125,000, Turkey River Sportsman \$50,000, and private donations. The Board of Supervisors also has set aside ARPA

money to use towards this project. Pollock will be meeting with Shive Hattery Architects this week to discuss the project further.

Upcoming Programs/Events available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 110 individuals and 43 groups in February.

Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 46 presentations to 800 youth and 72 adults

Pollock will disperse Director Evaluation instructions and form due April 11, 2023.

Two park violations and one formal complaint on tree removal at Osborne Pond area.

Pollock will be advertising for Operations Supervisor (full-time), Welcome Center Attendant (part-time) and Seasonal Maintenance positions until filled.

Meeting Adjourned: Kregel motioned to adjourn. Stone seconded. All voted in favor. Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled: April 11, 2023 Osborne 6pm