

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Osborne Welcome Center.

Chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Pam Vaske, Larry Stone, Marilyn Lenth, and Gary Kregel. Staff present were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf. Guests present were Alan Takes and his fiancé, Sara.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 3/08/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Vaske, 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. Pollock reported \$2130 is eligible from the Osborne Partners for Education Endowment to withdraw and we will use it to match the summer camps.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Watercolor Painting Donation to CCCB from Alan Takes*–
Alan Takes lived in the Inn in 1984 while doing an internship. He is presenting the board with an original watercolor painting of the Motor Mill Inn by Michele Maring Miller. The painting is donated in honor of this two daughters.
2. *Consider naming of water trail Access 39A in memory of Ryan Helgerson* –
Joel Helgerson approached Pollock about naming the access in honor of his late brother, Ryan, who built the access as an Eagle Scout project. The board agrees a sign may be placed along the current access sign as long as it states something about the Eagle Scout project by the late Ryan Helgerson. If a flood takes out the sign the family will be responsible to replace it.
Stone made a motion to approve the sign, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.
3. *Consider Awarding Bid for Phase 1 Archeology for Motor Inn Project* –
The board received two bids to consider. Bid 1 from Bear Creek Archeology was for a lump sum of \$4,970. Bid 2 from Tall Grass Prairie Archeology was for a lump sum of \$13, 930.
Kregel made a motion to approve the bid from Bear Creek Archeology for \$4,970, Lenth seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.
4. *Consider awarding Bid for Big Spring Water Trail Access Cost-share project* –
The board received two bids to consider. Bid 1 from Ethan Koehn Construction was for \$33,503.

Bid 2 from Keppler Custom Hire was for \$18,140.

Kregel made a motion to accept the bid from Keppler Custom Hire for \$18,140, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

5. Consider Awarding Bid for Becker Ponds – Tabled until next meeting

6. Consider Awarding Bid for Select Timber Harvest at Becker West – Tabled until next meeting.

7. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-23 Transportation Alternative Program Application --

Pollock reported that three committees review potential grant projects; Enhancement, Tech, and Policy. After reviewing and awarding Winneshiek Co. the committees were told of an additional \$442,000 in available funding. To be fair it was agreed to allow additional submittals for projects. Pollock will be applying for the Pony Hollow Trail Extension project in Clayton County to be used in FFY24 if awarded.

Kregel made a motion to approve the resolution of the 22-23 TAP application, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

Roll Call: Kregel, aye; Lenth, aye; Landsgard, aye; Vaske, aye; Stone, aye

8. Director Evaluation --

Lenth made a motion to go into closed session 21.5(i) seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed. Stone made a motion to close the closed session, Vaske seconded. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 171 individuals and 58 groups.

Environmental Education Programs totaled 74 presentations to 1247 youth and 298 adults

Update on Osborne Campground Timeline: We are waiting for bat pupping season to end before taking down any trees for phase 1. There is a company in Dubuque that may be interested in taking the pines.

Update on UMGC Pre Application Projects: Scherf wrote a pre-app for the Osborne Campground Shower House. Pollock wrote one for the Motor Mill Foundation for displays and exhibits at the Mill.

Klinge Property: Pollock shared the board's decision with the Klinge siblings. After another phone call she believes they now understand that the CCCB doesn't operate as a manager of private lands.

Board of Supervisors: Pollock reported that the BOS has requested she gets a quote for 3-phase electric as well as running internet fiber to Osborne. She believes they are looking to spend some of the ARPA funds on a few of the smaller projects right now.

ADJOURNMENT

Kregel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING

May 10, 2022, 2pm at