

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Osborne Welcome Center.

Chair, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Daryl Landsgard, Larry Stone, Marilyn Lenth and Pam Vaske. Staff present were Jenna Pollock, director; Shannon Plaht, park-ranger; and Molly Scherf, office manager.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 5/11/2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Lenth made a motion to approve all claims and allow Pollock to sign any remaining claims before the end of the fiscal year, second by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board and shows conservation is under budget.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motor Mill Trail Update–

Pollock reported she is waiting for the DOT to close out of the project. Parking is still an issue and the DOT is getting rid of their ROW that would have made a good spot. Now Pollock will need to approach the landowner.

2. Pony Hollow Trail Extension Update –

Haven't heard anything on the Covid State Rec Trail dollars Pollock applied for in May. Pollock will be applying for the regular State Rec Trail grant for Phase #1 to match other state money. John Moyna didn't have any updates regarding alignment of the trail route. Vaske made a motion to approve the resolution for the State Rec Trail Grant Phase #1 extension, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

3. Elkader-Elgin TRRC Trail Planning Update –

Pollock has no updates. Stone attended the TRRC meeting and believes they are still waiting on MSA Engineering for options on north side of river.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of FY22 Salary-Hourly rates--
Pollock went off of recommendation of the auditor to determine increases. Admin 3% increase, permanent full-time 2% increase unless hired within the year, permanent seasonal \$12/hr, seasonals \$11/hr, and Motor Mill intern \$12/hr
Stone made a motion to approve the salary rates, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.
2. Swearing-in of Officer Shannon Plaht--
The board welcomed Shannon Plaht.
3. Discuss the Dr. Zichal Family Conservation Fund--
Pollock reached out the MJ Smith of the Community Foundation about the two life insurance policies Dr. Zichal has and is interested in cashing out now for conservation to use for projects. Smith expressed it is Dr. Zichal's decision and the board agreed they would honor his decision. To cash out now it would be around \$23,000.
4. Discuss REC proposal for E-Charging Station at Osborne --
REC has money to put towards a phase-2 charging station. They have determined that Osborne Park is a location for one of these stations. REC will pay for all of the installation and equipment but asks that CCCB provide a 3'x3' cement pad and protective ballasts. The board questioned who has liability or carries insurance on this if someone damages something? What about signage? The board would like approval of supervisors before moving ahead but the general consensus is positive on the idea.
5. Director Evaluation --
Lenth made a motion to go into closed session, code 21.5(i), for director evaluation, Vaske seconded, roll call vote. All ayes. Passed. Landsgard made a motion to close the closed session, Stone seconded, roll call vote. All ayes. Passed.

Adjourned at 8:45pm. Motion by Stone, seconded by Vaske. All Ayes.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 327 groups and 1391 individuals
57 presentations were delivered to 975 youth and 118 adults for 36.5 group hours.

ADJOURNED

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

NEXT MEETING July 13, 2021, 2pm Bloody Run Campground Shelterhouse