

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Motor Mill.

Chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Members present were Larry Stone, Pam Vaske, and Gary Kregel. Staff present were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 5/10/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Kregel made a motion to approve all claims, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

Kregel made a motion to give the director authority to sign remaining claims in FY22, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approval of FY23 Wage Rates-

Pollock reported 6% was approved at a county level. She used that as a starting point for director wage and then straight amounts of \$2,500 and \$2,000 for full-time employees. Seasonals will be raised to \$14/hr.

Stone made a motion to approve the FY23 wage rates, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Discuss LP Contract for FY23 -

Pollock asked the board if we should put out LP bids now instead of waiting until the fall. There is concern that prices are going to continue to climb. We will also need to add the Motor Mill Inn to the contract for this winter. The board recommended doing bids now and have them returned by the July meeting date for approval.

3. Review 2022 Camping Season to-date -

Pollock reported that going to online reservations has been a good decision financially. Many campers pre-pay and then don't show up. She will begin tracking % of no-shows. From FY21-FY22 each of our campgrounds has seen an increase in revenues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Draft of CCCB Brochure –
Tabled until next meeting
2. Update on County ARPA Funds –
The Board of Supervisors agreed to go with Allamakee-Clayton REC 3-phase for campground as well as installing a handicap door on the main entrance of the Welcome Center.
3. Discuss 5-year Plan Update --
After the Motor Mill Inn and Osborne campground are completed a public feedback survey will be created and sent out to begin the 5-year plan update.
4. Update on Ongoing Projects-Including a walking tour of Motor Mill site –
Motor Mill Trail will need a couple signs moved and secondary roads has agreed to do this. They may also mow it as we wait for the new mower to arrive.

Kenny Slocum is requesting permission to advertise on conservation social media and website a tour of Becker West that he is doing for the Iowa Prairie Network board. He will open it up to the public as well. The CCCB was ok with this.

Mike Tucker of Martin Gardner Architecture is waiting for State Historic Preservation Office to approve Inn plan so that it can be put out to bid. Pollock hopes to have the Inn project started this summer or fall.

Pollock and Motor Mill Foundation members have been working with NE IA RC&D on a master interpretive plan for the whole Motor Mill site. They have come up with some good recommendations.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 1345 individuals and 169 groups.
Environmental Education Programs totaled 127 presentations to 928 youth and 160 adults

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING July 12, 2022 Time and location TBD