

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chair, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Larry Stone and Marilyn Lenth. Members absent were Daryl Landsgard and Pam Vaske. Staff present were Jenna Pollock, director and Molly Scherf, office manager.

## **AGENDA**

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

## **MINUTES**

Lenth made a motion to approve the 7/13/2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **CLAIMS**

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT**

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider awarding Fish Habitat Project on the Volga River at Osborne–  
The grant amount is \$10,500 with the CCCB match of \$2,000.  
One bid was received for this project from Keppler Custom Hire. Bid amount was \$9,875.  
Pollock recommends accepting this bid. CCCB will still get 85% of funds and need to cover 15%.  
Stone made a motion to approve the bid from Keppler Custom Hire, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.
2. Consider awarding Fish Habitat Project at Joy Springs County Park –  
The grant amount is \$17,062.50 with the CCCB match of \$5,687.50.  
One bid was received for this project from Recker Excavating in the amount of \$42,400. Pollock recommends rejecting all bids.  
Lenth made a motion to reject all bids, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.
3. Consider approval of resolution for Enhance Iowa CAT Grant: Inn Restoration –  
Pollock reported this grant requires 85-90% of funds need to be secured. She has enough grant funds in mind but not yet secured. Board of Supervisors, community, and local businesses need to show support. \$450,000 estimated total cost of project. The CAT application will be for \$65,000.

Stone made a motion to approve a resolution for the Enhance Iowa CAT grant, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed. Roll Call: Stone – aye, Lenth – aye, Kregel – aye, Landsgard – absent, Vaske – absent.

4. Consider approval of resolution for Silos & Smokestacks Large Program Award: Motor Mill – This is a 4:1 match grant. RC&D will work with the CCCB to develop a master interpretive plan for Motor Mill. Stone made a motion to approve the resolution for the Silos & Smokestacks Large Program Award, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed. Roll Call: Stone – aye, Lenth – aye, Kregel – aye, Landsgard – absent, Vaske – absent.
5. Consider approval of resolutions for REAP Grant: Osborne Campground – Conservation staff are asking \$100,000 of REAP funding for the first phase of the Osborne Campground. Lenth made a motion to approve the resolution for the REAP Grant, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed. Roll Call: Stone – aye, Lenth – aye, Kregel – aye, Landsgard – absent, Vaske – absent.
6. Consider approval of 5-year MOU with Silos & Smokestacks – Pollock reports this is something the CCCB re-signs every 5 years. Lenth made a motion to approve, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Motor Mill Trail Updates--  
Pollock reported she has spoken multiple times with Lyle from Fehr Graham. They will edit final billing to reflect the over payment made. Ryan Kipp with Moyna & Sons is confident the items the DOT noted can be solved with paperwork. He will look into this and correct.
2. Pony Hollow Trail Extension--  
Still waiting to hear on State Rec Grants. Hoping to know in late Sept or early Oct.
3. Elkader-Elgin TRRC Trail Planning Update –  
The final plan from MSA was completed and reviewed. Rafe Koopman, secondary roads engineer, and Pollock don't like the plan but believe it still has good information in it that can be used for grant writing.
4. Motor Inn Update –  
July 19-August 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Community Challenge Grant happening online. We made it to the \$3,000 mark but still need to collect more donations to move up the list of applicants. Pollock asked the board to solicit donations from community businesses. One event is planned as a fundraiser, Date Night at Motor Mill with guitar music by Kenny Slocum and appetizers.
5. Osborne Campground Update --  
Covered this info in the grant discussion. Completion goal is 2024.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

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

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

Welcome Center numbers included 557 groups and 1717 individuals, 24 different states.  
Environmental Education Programs totaled 18 including 190 youth and 94 adults for 58 hours.

Pollock reported that Kenny Slocum along with secondary roads manager, Danny Williams were awarded a roadside management grant. It will be used to purchase hydro-seed mulch and other equipment.

Park Ranger position open and advertised until the end of the month.

## **ADJOURNED**

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

**NEXT MEETING**            September 14, 2021, 2pm TBD location