

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, Sept 13, 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 and Natasha Hegmann. Staff present were Kenny Slocum, Abbey Harkrader, Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 8/16/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Natural Resources & Management Plans by Kenny Slocum–

Slocum had sent a report prior to meeting to the board to review via email. He reported winter goals are to get firebreaks pruned and trimmed, C.C.I. crew will work on goat prairie at Bloody Run, honeysuckle and autumn olive taken out around hunter safety course and seed harvesting and propagating prairie plants.

2. Update on Environmental Education Programming by Naturalist, Abbey Harkrader –

Summer programs for the junior high – high school age had same trends as last year. Had difficulty filling the camps. Harkrader tried a few new things like change in locations but still reported multiple dropouts or no-shows. She is considering going back to taking flyers into classrooms instead of the email sent out by schools directly to parents. Board agreed. The day camps were very successful and filled up quickly.

3. Update from Park Ranger Zach Dingbaum, Certified Peace Officer–

Tabled until next meeting.

4. Consider prefabricated shower house design for Osborne Campground –

Pollock went over a few prefab models that Huffcutt has in the size we think would be suitable for the campground at Osborne. The board would like to see prices so Pollock will get those. Another option would be to have a design and a local contractor build it, perhaps saving some money.

5. Review and Discuss Energy Audit for Osborne Conservation Center –

Clayton County Energy District gave us a coaching session on the Welcome Center building. After the board reviewed the document, they recommended adding replacing a few windows each year into our budget.

6. Consider Ford 250 Manifold Issue –

Jay Farmer, maintenance, has found some manifold issues in this truck which pushes snow in winter. The quote from Brown's Sales and Leasing is quite high. The board recommends checking out some of the smaller service departments. Pollock will reach out to a few and see if they can get parts.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Inn Project Update –

Pollock reported the contracts have been signed by the Board of Supervisors. Martin Gardner has sent out an email to get a pre-construction meeting going. Motor Mill Foundation has set aside \$25,000 for the project. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to financially commit up to \$200,000 for this project as well as up to \$200,000 for the Osborne Campground. These commitments will help with the grant writing showing first dollars in.

2. Becker Ponds & Forestry Update –

The trees have been cut by Kendricks. No work has been started by Friedlein yet.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 756 individuals and 204 groups.

Environmental Education Programs totaled 16 presentations to 104 youth and 159 adults

Pollock reported three certified letters will be going out to the neighbors of Bloody Run County Park to address dogs running at large, complaints/trespassing, and horses being on county property.

Pollock met with Eli Garms, secondary roads, on behalf of new county engineer to specifically talk about trails and get them up to date.

On Sept 1 Pollock notified all land contractors on their lease extensions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

Oct 11, 2022, 6pm at Osborne