

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of April 9, 2018 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Dean Zimmerman.

Present were Board Members: Larry Pisarik, Dean Zimmerman, Russ Von Behren, Rob Roman and Dave Tabor. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Mike and Cindy Davies, Tom Osbourne, Harvey Johnson, Quin Phelan, Gerald Muller and 3 representatives from ITC

Approve the Agenda:

Russ made a motion to accept the April agenda with the addition of upcoming Educational Programs provided by Rob. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of March Regular Meeting Minutes:

Rob made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dave made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. Seconded by Larry. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Russ made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

ITC Personnel Presentation on the Possible Use of the Grant Wood Trail Corridor Near Olin for a Powerline Installation: Rob made a motion to table any decision on the possible use of the Grant Wood Trail Corridor near Olin for a powerline installation until the May meeting. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Provide a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for Filling a Vacancy on the Conservation Board: Larry made a motion to recommend Megan Manternach to the Board of Supervisors for filling the vacancy on the Conservation Board. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval for Conservation Director to Select a Fishing Access Sidewalk Project Bid: Dave made a motion to have the Conservation Director select the fishing access sidewalk project bid. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Lynch Drainage Concerns at Eby's Mill Wildlife Area: Russ made a motion to have Michael Lynch work with the NRCS office to develop a plan to solve the drainage concerns at the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area and use potential EQUIP funding rather than County funding. Seconded by Larry. Dave abstained from a vote. All other ayes. Motion carried.

Seasonal Employee Start Dates and Wages: Russ made a motion to accept Dennis Owen seasonal position start date of 5/14/18 with \$10.25/hr, Brian Nassif seasonal position start date of

5/21/18with \$10/hr and Weston Hoffmann seasonal and naturalist split position start date of 5/21/18 with \$10/hr. Seconded by Larry. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Bench Purchase: Larry made a motion to purchase 6 park benches for the Central Park Lake Project. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Upcoming educational programs and the Spring/Summer Twin Rivers Review Newsletter were shared with the Board.

Rob shared Antonio Arenas's research entitled 3 Decades of Floods in Iowa presented at a recent workshop, the upcoming Tenth Annual Chapter Meeting of the Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration to be held at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point-Convention Center April 20-22 and the 2018 list of acres by County for native vegetation for roadside management.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the Central Park Lake Restoration Project.

Adjournment: Larry moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

The next meeting is planned for May 14th at 6:45 pm at Central Park.