JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2021 held via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, Jeff Pitlik, Dave Tabor and Russ VonBehren. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann and Michele Olson.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda: Dave made a motion to accept the February agenda. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the January Regular Meeting Minutes: Dean made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues: Dave made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Dean made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Review of the Eby’s Mill Wildlife Area Boundary Fence Agreement with MANCO: Russ made a motion to approve the Eby’s Mill Wildlife Area Boundary Fence Agreement with MANCO and to have the Chairman sign it. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Acceptance of the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 Easement and Agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Riniker: Dave made a motion to accept the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 Easement and Agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Riniker and to have the Director sign it. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review the Scotch Grove Prairie Wetland and Tree Removal Project Bids: Dean made a motion to approve the bid from McElmeel Excavating for $11,588. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of the Compact Track Loader Bids: Russ made a motion to allow the Director the spending authority up to $73,423 based on the bid provided by John Deere to purchase a compact track loader. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.
Approval of a Seasonal Staff Hiring and Salary: Dave made a motion to approve Troy Olson as a seasonal employee with a start date of March 8, 2021 and a $15.25/hour pay rate. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Upcoming educational programs were shared and the AmeriCorps employee will start February 9, 2021.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the Eby’s Mill Wildlife Area TSI, the Wapsi Trail Project, the Central Park logging and the continued snow removal effort.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

The next meeting is planned for March 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.