

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of January 5, 2022, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman and Dave Tabor, and attending via Zoom Meeting: Megan Manternach, Jeff Pitlik and Russ Von Behren. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Curtis Behrens arrived at 6:30pm. Staff attending via Zoom Meeting: Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Russ made a motion to accept the January agenda. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the December Regular Meeting Minutes:

Jeff made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dave made a motion to accept the Expenditures and Revenues with the addition of the EB Solutions \$1820 claim for the Wapsi Trail wetland monitoring and to allow the Director to sign the claims. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Conservation Board Officer Rotation for 2022. Dave made a motion to accept the following Conservation Board Rotation for 2022. Jeff Pitlik, Chair, Dave Tabor, Vice Chair, Dean Zimmerman, Secretary, Russ Von Behren and Megan Manternach. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scotch Grove Prairie Hunting Regulation Potential Change. Russ made a motion to disallow hunting when the neighboring church is holding a worship service and to develop a refuge area within 200 yards of the church. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kirkwood Community College Welding Class Admission for the Natural Resource Manager. Jeff made a motion to approve a Kirkwood Community College Welding Class Admission for the Natural Resource Manager. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Agriculture Rental Agreement Review. Dave made a motion to approve the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Agriculture Rental Agreement with

\$200/acre rent for tillable land. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Garbage Dumpster Acquisition Review. Russ made a motion to approve the Central Park Garbage Dumpster Acquisition for \$500 from Edwards Sanitation. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Budget Review and Approval. Russ made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Budgets as presented and a 7.5% increase to wages for all permanent employees. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Educational Event Updates:

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the ice thickness for Central Park Lake, the Wapsi Trail project, the Eby's Mill TSI project, the Central Park Bridge project, and the Oxford Mills survey meeting.

Adjournment: Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

The next meeting is planned for February 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.