

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2020 conducted as an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Russ Von Behren.**

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

## **Introduction of Guests:**

### **Approve the Agenda:**

Dave made a motion to accept the April agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review & Approval of the March Regular Meeting Minutes:**

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

### **Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:**

Megan made a motion to approve the Director signing the monthly claims from the expenditure report. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

### **Staff Reports:**

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

### **Business Item:**

**Mon/Maq Dam Project – Review Recent Public Meeting, 90% Design Plans, Funding Updates and Determination of Next Steps:** Dean made a motion to complete what has been done to date, return any unused funding and end the project. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review of Steps Taken Due to the COVID-19 State Health Emergency:** The Board reviewed the steps taken due to the COVID-19 State Health Emergency.

**Review of Camp Host Agreement, Campsite and Stipend Related to COVID-19 Campground Closure:** The Board reviewed the Camp Host agreement, campsite and stipend with no changes made.

**Review of Potential COVID-19 Non recreational Camping Accommodation:** Dave made a motion to have Brad and John develop rules as necessary for non-recreational camping accommodations. Second by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of a Livery Agreement:** Dean made a motion to approve the Monticello Canoe livery agreement. Second by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Seasonal Employees and Wages:** Dave made a motion to approve the seasonal employees and wages as presented. Second by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

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| Lenny Mais      | start date March 23, 2020            | \$10.75/hour |
| Quinn Franklin  | start date changed to March 25, 2020 |              |
| Jon Mootz       | start date April 2, 2020             | \$11/hour    |
| Henry Maddock   | start date May 26, 2020              | \$11/hour    |
| Seamus O'Connor | start date May 11, 2020              | \$11/hour    |

**Approve Bid to Update Internet Cable in the Nature Center:** Megan made a motion to approve a bid of \$1233 to update the internet cable in the Nature Center. Second by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Miscellaneous Purchases:** Dean made a motion to approve the rental of a stump grinder for \$675. Second by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Items:**

**Education Event Updates:** Due to COVID-19 all educational programming has been canceled until at least April 30, 2020.

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** Eby's Mill land rental agreement has been signed and received for \$190/acre with a 1 acre food plot planted in to corn. Prescribed fires in wild areas are progressing as planned and the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to be addressed.

**Adjournment:** Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Russ adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

The next meeting is planned for May 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.