

# 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.