

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of December 13, 2021, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Jeff Pitlik, Dean Zimmerman and Dave Tabor arrived at 6:34pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann and John Klein.

Introduction of Guests: Jeff Swisher, Jones County Board of Supervisor

Approve the Agenda:

Jeff made a motion to accept the December agenda with the addition of Business Item O. Overhead Door Panel Replacements for the Central Park Maintenance Shop. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the November Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dean made a motion to accept the Expenditures and Revenues with the addition of the John Deere Z997R mower for \$20,178.38. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Maquoketa River/Eby's Mill River Access Project Public Hearing. Dave made a motion to open a public hearing at 6:45pm for the Maquoketa River/Eby's Mill River Access Project. Seconded by Dean. Roll call: Dave, aye, Dean, aye, Jeff, aye and Megan, aye. Motion carried. Dave made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:57pm. Seconded by Dean. Roll call: Dave, aye, Dean, aye, Jeff, aye and Megan, aye. Motion carried.

Maquoketa River/Eby's Mill River Access \$164,614 Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Program Funding Acceptance and Iowa DNR Agreement Approval. Dean made a motion to accept the Maquoketa River/Eby's Mill River Access \$164,614 Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Program Funding and Iowa DNR agreement. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scotch Grove Prairie Hunting Regulation Potential Change. Dave made a motion to remove the no hunting signs and to allow hunting during permitted seasons and at permitted times on the Scotch Grove Prairie. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Tree Trimming Bid Review. Jeff made a motion to approve Cy's Tree Service bid of \$2600 for the Central Park tree trimming. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Snowshoe Order Review. Dave made a motion to approve \$601 for the order of snowshoes from Redfeather Snowshoes. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Residence Pressure Pump Bid Review. Dean made a motion to approve the White Hawk Plumbing bid of \$1383 for the Central Park residence pressure pump. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Response Boat Radio Replacement Bid Review. Dave made a motion to approve the \$1196.80 response boat radio replacement bid from RC Systems. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Fence Replacement Bid Review. Jeff made a motion to approve the \$8700 bid from Novak Fencing for the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area fence replacement. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval to Acquire a Corn Planter. Dave made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 to purchase a 4-row planter for food plot plantings. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acquisition of Wetland Credits for the Wapsi Trail Project. Dean made a motion to approve the \$5600 acquisition of wetland credits for the Wapsi Trail Project. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Agriculture Rental Agreement Review. The Board tabled until the next Board Meeting.

2022 Seasonal Salary Review and Potential Adjustment. Dave made a motion to approve \$12/hour as a seasonal salary rate through June 30, 2022 and to increase to \$12.50/hour on July 1, 2022. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Discussion. The Board discussed Fiscal Year 2023 preliminary budget items.

January 2022 Monthly Meeting Date Change. Dave made a motion to approve either January 4 or January 5 at 6pm for the next Board Meeting. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Overhead Door Panel Replacements for the Central Park Maintenance Shop. Jeff made a motion to approve the \$4500 bid from Overhead Door for the panel replacements on the Central Park maintenance shop. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Educational Event Updates: Educational program events were shared with the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the Wapsi Trail project, invasive species management and damaged tree removal at Central Park. The Jones County Community Foundation provided a \$5000 grant award for the Hale Wildlife Area West Addition.

Adjournment: Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

The next meeting is planned for January 2022, at 6:00 pm at Central Park.