

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of January 4, 2023, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dave Tabor.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor and Dean Zimmerman. Megan Manternach via Zoom. Russ VonBehren joined via Zoom at 6:48pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann, John Klein, and Michele Olson.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Dean made a motion to accept the January agenda. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the December Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the December 12th meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dean made a motion to accept the Expenditures and Revenues as presented. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

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

Central Park Agricultural Land Rental Agreement Review. The Board reviewed the Central Park Agricultural Land Rental Agreement.

Acquisition of an Environmental Education Computer. Dean made a motion to approve \$2800 for the purchase of an Environmental Education Computer. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Central Park Cabin Window and Air Conditioner/Heater Bids. Russ made a motion to approve \$5638 for the Central Park Cabin Window and Air Conditioner/Heater bid from Kraus Kustom Builders. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Proposed Fiscal Year 23 and 24 Department Budget. Russ made a motion to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 23 and 24 Department Budget and to approve an 8% salary increase for all permanent positions. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Educational Event Updates: Educational event handouts were provided to the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on the Central Park Historic Bridge construction, ice fishing at Central Park Lake and West Pond, and emerald ash borer effects on Central Park trees.

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

8:23 pm. The next meeting is planned for February 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.