

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2017, at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:52 PM by Larry Pisarik.

Present were Board Members: Russ Von Behren, Dave Tabor, Larry Pisarik, Dean Zimmerman arrived at 6:58PM and Rob Roman arrived at 7:07 pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Jones County Supervisor, Ned Rohwedder

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the February agenda with the addition of a discussion on Supple's Access as an Additional Item. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes:

Russ made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Dave. 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:

Russ made a motion to accept the staff reports. Dave seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion of Mr. Jim Ward's Property Drainage and Tile System: Tabled for discussion at another time.

Acceptance of a DNR Low-Head Dam Safety Cost Share Program \$243,140 Grant and Sign Grant Agreement: Russ made a motion to accept the grant funding and sign the grant agreement with the DNR. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submission of a US Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Permit for Central Park Lake:

Dave made a motion to approve the permit. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Access Corrective Deed: Russ made a motion to complete and sign a corrective deed for the land donation. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Ranger Truck – Law Enforcement Package Bid Selection: Dean made a motion to accept the law enforcement package for the Park Ranger truck by RACOM for \$8,000. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eby's Mill Wildlife Area Farmland Rental Rate and Agreement: Russ made a motion to sign a rental agreement with Robert Stoll and to keep the current \$200/acre rental rate. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Southeast Deer Study Group Conference Registration: Rob made a motion to pay the \$195 registration for the Director to attend the conference and the Director to pay for all other costs associated with the conference. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Handouts on upcoming programs included the 2017 Jones County Nature Photography Contest, the Soil Health Workshop, the Winter Open House & Great Backyard Bird Count, the Older Wiser Livelier “Gardening Panel”, the Owl Prowl and the Hawkeye Cooperative Weed Management Area Invasive Species Field Day. Board members were also reminded to submit their personal bios for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Items included updates on the interviews for the seasonal conservation aide positions, the Central Park Lake Restoration project and the Mon/Maq Dam project.

Supple’s Access: Discussion about comments from users to improve the access’s take-out, put-in area.

Adjournment:

Russ moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. All ayes. Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2017 at 6:45 pm at Central Park.