

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2018 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Larry Pisarik.

Present were Board Members: Larry Pisarik, Dean Zimmerman, Rob Roman, Russ Von Behren and Dave Tabor. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Mike and Cindy Davies, and Jon Zirkelbach

Approve the Agenda:

Russ made a motion to accept the January agenda with the addition of Board Member Officer Rotations before the Business Items. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of December Regular Meeting Minutes:

Dave made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes with the added note that Larry Pisarik will remain on the board until a suitable replacement is found. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Jones County Conservation Board Officer Rotation/Changes for 2018: Russ made a motion to approve Dean Zimmerman as Chair, Dave Tabor as Vice Chair, Rob Roman as Secretary and Russ Von Behren and Larry Pisarik as board members. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Lake Project Native Prairie Seed Acquisition: Dave made a motion to inquire about the flexibility in the seeding mix from the DNR to include more native seed and acquire native seed as deemed appropriate up to the requested amount. Seconded by Rob. All ayes. Motion carried.

FY2018 Budget Review and FY2019 Budget Development: Russ made a motion to approve the budget with an additional 1% salary increase to reflect a total 5% salary increase request for the Director, Naturalist and Park Ranger positions. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Upcoming educational programs were shared with the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Information provided on a 2 year extension for all Dam Safety Cost-share funding from the Iowa DNR, a letter of support will be sent for the

Project AWARE 2018 River Clean Up on the Maquoketa River and an invitation was shared from the Jones County Tourism for the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

The next meeting is planned for February 12th at 6:45 pm at Central Park.