

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of November 13, 2019 at Central Park Nature Center, Center Junction, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm by Dave Tabor.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, Megan Manternach and Dean Zimmerman. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Kim Brooks, Mike Davies, Tom Osbourne, Corey Erps, Jon Zirkelbach, Tracy Zirkelbach, Nathan Manternach.

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the October Regular Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the October 14th meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the October Special Meeting Minutes:

Megan made a motion to accept the October 21st meeting minutes. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dean made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. 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:

Mon/Maq Dam Project Review of Alternatives and Selection of Preferred Alternative:

Megan made a motion to approve the “51% of the Dam Remains with Fish Habitat” and “No Action No Repair” as the two alternatives moving forward with the “51% of the Dam Remains with Fish Habitat” being the preferred alternative. Seconded by Dave. Ayes: Megan, Dave. Nay: Dean. Motion carried.

Maquoketa River Eby’s Mill and Highway 136 Access Review and Conceptual Design

Development: Megan made a motion to approve the development of the Maquoketa River Eby’s Mill and Highway 136 Access review and conceptual design. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Oxford Mills Access Survey Bid Selection: Dean made a motion to approve the low bid from Bill Burger of \$4,848 for the Oxford Mills Access survey. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Selection of the Department's Natural Resource Manager: Dean made a motion to select Curtis Behrens for the Department's Natural Resource Manager position with a salary of \$45,000 and an estimated start date of December 1, 2019. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval for the Purchase of an UTV and computer: Dean made a motion to approve the low bid from Kromminga Motor to purchase a Polaris UTV for \$15,750. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried. Megan made a motion to approve the purchase of a computer with software for \$1,975 as recommended by the County IT Department. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steps Needed to Fill the Vacant Board Member Position: Discussion on the steps to fill the vacant board member position.

Review of Monthly Board Meeting Start Time: Dean made a motion to change the board meeting start time for December, January and February to be 6 pm and to review after the February meeting. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Upcoming educational programs were shared with the Board. Food donations can be brought to the December 9th board meeting for a donation to the Christmas Tree Walk at the Lawrence Community Center.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on the bathymetric survey done on the West Pond and removal of invasive trees, Lost Canyon and the Henneberry dam potential repairs, and the Pearson Addition prairie seeding.

Adjournment: Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

The next meeting is planned for December 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Central Park.