

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of January 6, 2021 held at Central Park.

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Russ VonBehren.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, Jeff Pitlik, and Dave Tabor. Russ VonBehren was present via Zoom. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann. Curtis Behrens was present via Zoom.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the December Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dave made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues. Seconded by Jeff. 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 for 2021: Dave made a motion to approve the Conservation Board Rotation as Megan Manternach, Chair; Jeff Pitlik, Vice Chair; Dave Tabor, Secretary; Dean Zimmerman, Member; and Russ VonBehren Member. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Acceptance of the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 \$138,127 Federal Recreational Trail Grant: Dean made a motion to accept the Wapsipinicon Trail Phase 2 \$138,127 Federal Recreational Trail Grant. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review the Potential Purchase of a Snowblower: Russ made a motion to approve the purchase of a snowblower up to \$950. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of the Proposed Fiscal Year 21 and 22 Conservation Department Budget: Russ made a motion to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 21 and 22 Conservation Department Budget with the addition of a Fiscal Year 22 \$1,000 base salary increase and 6% general salary increase for permanent employees. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Education Event Updates: Snowshoe rental and ice fishing have been popular park activities.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update on the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area TSI, the Wapsi Trail Project, and the continued snow removal effort.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

The next meeting is planned for February 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Central Park.