

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Osborne Park. Vice-chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Other members present were Larry Stone and Pam Vaske. Gary Kregel and Marilyn Lenth arrived after meeting had been called to order. Staff present was Jenna Pollock, Molly Scherf, Marty Mulford, Tucker Anderson, Abbey Harkrader, Kenny Slocum, and Tammie Kraus. Guests in attendance were Michelle Barness from Upper Explorerland and Mike Tucker from Martin Gardner Architecture.

AGENDA

An addition of shop updates with Mike Tucker was added to the agenda under old business. Stone made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, Vaske seconded and the motion passed.

MINUTES

A correction was made to the minutes by Stone adding the disaster number to the flood updates. Vaske made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Stone seconded and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A concerned citizen called about the cattle operation going up on Hwy 18. They wanted to know if there would be run-off going into Bloody Run creek/campground. Pollock has spoken with the IDNR and they apologized for not speaking to Clayton County Conservation about the site. The IDNR says everything is in compliance and there should be no run-off to Bloody Run.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Stone to approve the claims. This was seconded by Lenth and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The donation from Lori Kluesner was put into Reserve after Scherf contacted Kluesner and found out she would like all the money used towards trees and signage at Osborne. Lenth made a motion to approve the financial report, Landsgard seconded it, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Michelle Barness, UERPC, 5-year Plan Update:*
There were 240 responses to the survey. Barness put all the survey responses together in spreadsheets for staff and board to go through and discuss. She also had the comments made in the survey for everyone to read through. Homework for next meeting with Barness is to think about the vision statements.
2. *Shop Updates with Mike Tucker:*
Mike Tucker explained to the CCCB that the contractor has been notified of all the items needing work, replacement, or finished. Tucker will meet with the contractor and builder to discuss it again and make it clear no payments will be made until the building meets his

specifications. Tucker also confirmed there are no structural issues at this time. The deadline of Oct 1 set by the contractor may not be met but Tucker will withhold payment until complete.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *2017 Flood Bids:*

There were four projects to this bid- #1 Pony Hollow Trail and Roberts Creek, #2 Pony Hollow Trail and Turkey River (mile marker 1.25), #3 Pony Hollow Resurface (section N. of Grape Rd), #4 Osborne Scour behind new shop. Two companies provided bids for all four projects.

C.J. Moyna & Sons, Inc.-

Project #1 \$2,050.00, Project #2 \$21,500.00, Project #3 \$22,700.00, Project #4 \$3,850.00

Keppler Custom Hire LLC-

Project #1 \$3,262.50, Project #2 \$10,950.00, Project #3 \$12,383.00, Project #4 \$800.00

Lenth made a motion to accept with a fixed bid amount from Keppler Custom Hire LLC. The motion was seconded by Landsgard and the motion passed.

2. *Electric Meter Consolidation at Osborne:*

Pollock met with REC representative John Molumby to discuss the amount of electrical boxes at Osborne. Currently there is one on the Welcome Center, one at the shop, and 3 outlying electrical boxes. An average year on the electrical at the house uses 82 kwh and the Lion's shelter uses 577 kwh. The monthly charge for each box is approximately \$38.00 and for such small usage Molumby suggested getting rid of them and combining it with the shop. This would involve trenching lines. Pollock received a bid for this option of \$5,847.39.

The other electrical box is located at the lower shelter and is too far away to be combined with the others. Molumby suggested renting a sun solar panel that would cost about \$250/year saving approximately \$200 over the year. Reservable camping sites could be made next to this shelter to off-set the expense of the electric.

Kregel would like to investigate this more. Would it be better to just remove the electrical boxes and use a generator when needed? Lenth moved to table this discussion until next meeting, Stone seconded and the motion passed.

3. *Reservations at Picnic Shelters Review:*

Pollock would like to add the Turkey River Park Shelter to the reservable shelter list. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

4. *Employee Handbook/Policy Recommendations:*

While Pollock was at the ISAC one of the sessions was on HR policies. Pollock said she got a lot of ideas from the session on how the Clayton County handbook could be changed. Pollock asked to be put on the Safety Committee agenda to discuss some of her ideas. The CCCB gave their support to Pollock on her going to update policy regulations.

5. *FY19 Budget Planning Research Requests:*

Pollock took the board up to the third floor to discuss options. Some ideas were byways of IA exhibit, library, genealogy, virtual tour of county parks, and classroom/meeting room. Pollock

would like the board to be thinking of other things that would need to be budgeted for FY19 so she can get estimates on cost before we have a budget meeting.

ADJOURNED

Landsgard made a motion to adjourn meeting, Lenth seconded and the motion passed.