

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at the Osborne Welcome Center and via Zoom.

Chair, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present on Zoom were Daryl Landsgard and Larry Stone. Absent was Pam Vaske and Marilyn Lenth. Staff present was Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

Additional New Business items-- Reappoint Slocum to the TRRC board, how to assist other departments such as poll working, annual evaluation. Stone made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 10/13/2020 meeting minutes, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Stone made a motion to approve all claims with the C.J. Moyna claim being contingent on DOT approving the change order and allowing Director, Pollock, authority to sign claims, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider request to remove Burma Shave signs from Pony Hollow--
Pollock reached out to the complainant, Rachael Wendell, and asked for her help on the Clayton County Active Transportation Plan. One other Elkader resident expressed dislike of the signs during an Elkader Visioning event but haven't heard anything else negative. Pollock reached out to Monona and Clayton County Development Group to see if they would have a place to put the signs. Monona will place them on the Butterfly Trail.
2. Motor Mill Trail Construction --
Pollock reported the CCCB has an outstanding \$52,487.94 or 3.25% to go on payments for the trail. Trail work has been completed except for the permanent seeding that will be done in spring. This week Moyna's will reinstall signs along the county highway. Ongoing erosion protection will happen all winter.
3. Osborne Campground Feedback --
Comments from the public via email and Facebook were sent to the board to review. Overwhelmingly positive support. Some of the comments asked for more primitive sites but we already have 7 parks with only primitive sites. Stone's comment was that he was surprised by

those that wanted tent sites with it being so close to the busy Hwy 13. Pollock reported she has a couple grants earmarked for this project.

4. Proposed sanitary dump station near Bloody Run: Letter to Marquette City Council –

Pollock met with Bonnie Basemen of Marquette about placing a sanitary dump in city limits that would be usable to campers at Bloody Run for a fee or donation. Bonnie was receptive of the idea and the city already has a design for a campground area with sewer drawn up for the location along the Wetland Center. She asked Pollock to draft a letter to share with the Marquette City Council about the sanitary dump sharing idea. Pikes Peak campground will be closed next summer and possibly into the following year making demand for camping venues in Clayton County near McGregor and Marquette.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Awarding Winter LP Bid –

The board received two bids to review. Bids were to be for 3,500 gallons, continuous fill.

- a) Mulgrew Oil – \$3,111.50/\$.889 per gal
- b) Three Rivers FS – \$.98 per gal

Landsgard made a motion to accept the bid from Mulgrew Oil for \$.889/gal, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Consider Cardinal Hickory Transmission Line Impacts on Clayton County --

This line is proposed to run from Madison, WI to Dubuque, IA and possibly cross conservation property at Pleasant Ridge. The map that board members had seen from public meetings that were held a few years back showed the line staying off county property. Stone will do some investigating on this and find out where the line is actually proposed to run. Clayton County Historic Preservation Committee has publicly opposed this line.

3. Consider Conservation Project Support –

Pollock shared a spreadsheet of all the potential projects and grants that staff could apply for this coming year. The board only questioned the Old Store/House located in Osborne. Pollock expressed the need to do something with this building, repair or teardown. There are a few potential grants that could help with the repair. Landsgard thinks this building would need a high dollar amount of repairs to get it to code. Stone feels the Historical Preservation Committee would like to know about anything being done to this building. Pollock will pursue and get more information.

The remainder of the projects were given a thumbs up by the members present. Stone made a motion to approve staff moving ahead with the projects outlined and asked that large grants be approved individually in future meetings, Landsgard seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

4. FY22 Budget Work Session --

No direction has been given by the county auditor at this time. Pollock plugged in some numbers for salaries of 8 permanent staff and 6 seasonal staff and the value appears lower than FY21. Remainder of discussion on this is tabled until the next meeting.

5. Consider Slocum as TRRC board representative–

Stone made a motion to approve Slocum as the CCCB representative, seconded by Landsgard,

unanimous approval. Passed.

6. How to Assist Other County Depts and Reimbursements –

Pollock helped the auditor by being a poll worker for the election during a workday. The auditor is going to pay her an hourly wage on top of taking a vacation day. Board of Supervisors are going to leave the decision to be “paid twice” up to each department. Landsgard made a motion that Conservation workers should keep their vacation day when helping other departments, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

7. Director Evaluations –

Pollock has yet to see the board evaluations on her from the previous year. She will start with staff evaluations soon and would like to review hers before beginning on the staff. Kregel has them but will go over them at another meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Nov 7	Hunter Education	
Nov 12	Armistice Day Blizzard	1pm
Nov 14	Christmas Bird Count	6:30pm
Nov 21	Motor Mill Bridge Lighting	5:00pm
Nov 28	Cedars for Celebration	9am-1pm

Director’s Report/Updates/Communications

Visitors to the Osborne Welcome Center in September included 491 groups and 1453 individuals. 35 presentations were delivered to 410 youth and 35 adults for 18 group hours. Social media educational videos reached 2980, 181 clicks, and 31 views.

Pollock received an email expressing concern of hunters carrying firearms through Bloody Run on their way to the state hunting ground and lack of patrols. She responded to the individual that emailed.

Pollock received a request for the Volga Truck Cruise Rally Side by Side event to use 2021 Heritage Days as a stopping point for lunch. They agreed to come in multiple waves so as not to overwhelm our parking and food vendors.

Online reservations for camp spots has been opened since Nov 1. No one has registered yet but we have also used this system for our events and it has been useful.

ADJOURNED

Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING December 8, 2020, 6pm Osborne Nature Center