

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Osborne Welcome Center.

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

AGENDA

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of new business #5 Appointing TRRC Representative and Alternate, second by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 11/09/2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Lenth made a motion to approve all claims, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize the Chair to sign Aureon Grant Application for 3rd Floor Projector/Sound System–
Landsgard made a motion to approve the application for the Aureon Grant, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.
2. Approve to receive the Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Grant for Big Springs \$27,500 –
Stone made a motion to accept the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for the WRAC grant for Turkey River Access #47/Big Springs, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.
3. Consider Conservation Easement of 40 Acres of Timber –
The Klinge family reached out to Pollock again about the 40 acres of timber they (3 siblings) own and have put into a life estate for the youngest of the siblings. Slocum was able to meet with the family and found that they would like the CCCB to hold the easement on this property. They have already reached out to INHF and they sent them back to CCCB. The property is currently used by one hunter and the family enjoys walking it.
The board would like to know how restrictive the easement agreement will be before moving forward. Pollock will reach out to the family for more information.
4. Consider Gift of Deed in Life Estate for 40 Acres of Timber –
More information is needed.

5. Approve a Representative and Alternate for the TRRC Board--

Stone made a motion to approve Pollock as representative and Slocum as the alternate on the TRRC board, seconded by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss Driftless Area Wetland Centre Proposal--

Pollock reported the Marquette City Council is meeting tonight to discuss transfer of ownership to the county. Pollock expressed concern on the language presented to the city council as it made it appear the county initiated the idea when it was actually the mayor and city clerk that came to Pollock. Pollock is hoping to hear what decision was made by the council later tonight.

2. FY2023 Budget Workshop –

Projected Revenue: General \$43,800, REAP \$11,100, Reserve \$405,500 (expected grant reimbursement)

Projected Expenses: Overall \$699,965 w/out DAWC or \$758,165 w/ DAWC

Sup. Insurance \$172,330, REAP \$80,000, Reserve \$878,000 (non-tax dollars, grants and donations)

The board expressed to Pollock that is the Marquette City Council doesn't reach a decision on DAWC tonight to drop that from the budget. It can be proposed again next year at budget time if they wish.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 42 groups and 93 individuals, 4 different states.

Environmental Education Programs totaled 44 including 899 youth and 218 adults for 29.75 hours.

Buchanan County is interested in our camping number increases and Dickinson County wanted to hear more about our environmental education program numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

Landsgard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2021, 6pm at Osborne (FY23 Budget Session)