

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, Dec 13, 2022, at the Osborne Welcome Center.

Vice-Chair, Pam Vaske, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Natasha Hegmann, Gary Kregel and Larry Stone. Staff present were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

Kregel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Old Business #2 Dump Truck fix options, second by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 11/8/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Hegmann, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Kregel made a motion to approve all claims, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Award of Osborne Campground Contract V.2–

Final design and engineering services by Shive Hattery would like approval to begin putting out bids for ground grading, electrical, water, and septic. All of these will be bid out separately. This contract will be \$47,000 since we have already paid \$17,000 for a total fee of \$64,000.

Kregel made a motion to approve final design (contract V.2), seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Consider Approval of Aureon Grant Application –

Kenny Slocum is applying for UV lights for the two turtle tanks in the nature center for a total of \$500.

Hegmann made a motion to approve the Aureon Grant application, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

3. Discuss Fitness Court Potential for Osborne Campground–

The board reviewed the video and slideshow prior to meeting. They decided this doesn't fit with the campground plan.

4. Consider Approval of Annual Report Draft –

Pollock had sent out the draft prior to the meeting for board members to review. Vaske asked that the images be lightened to make it easier to read. Otherwise, no other suggestions were given.

5. Budget FY24 Work Session –

Pollock shared a working FY 24 spreadsheet with the board. Admin and Operations would both have increases from last year. There will be some new additions this fiscal year with the Motor Mill Inn such as telephone, internet, cameras, cleaning, LP as well as a new revenue line for rental fees. Overall, the proposed budget has about a \$14,500 increase between the Admin and Ops accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motor Mill Well Water Discussion –

Pollock discussed with the board how directional boring will be the most cost-effective method after speaking to West Union Trenching and Shawver Well Co. Pollock has asked the DNR if we will need an engineered plan from the public water supply standpoint if we go this route. She is still waiting for a reply from the DNR.

2. Dump Truck Fix Options –

The F350 dump truck was towed to Torkelson Motors initially, but they were unable to do this type of repair. After talking to Secondary Roads Dept. Pollock was told they have used Midwest Diesel Towing and Recovery for their dump truck repairs. After she contacted this company, she is comfortable that they can provide the labor needed to fix the truck. This will involve having it towed to their shop in Dubuque.

Kregel made a motion to approve having Midwest Diesel repair the truck as needed, seconded by Hegmann.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director’s Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 55 individuals and 20 groups in November.

Environmental Education Programs totaled 44 presentations to 707 youth and 206 adults

Pollock reported tree removal in the campground area could begin as soon as this week depending on weather.

Staff spent some time going over a contingency plan for animal escape or natural disaster. Pollock has sent letters to nearby neighbors that would potentially have trailers available to use as well as the Clayton County Fairgrounds as a temporary location. More details will need to be worked out. A MOU agreement between Fayette, Buchanan, and Black Hawk will be made as well since all four counties have USDA licensing.

ADJOURNMENT

Kregel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING

Jan 10, 2023, 6pm at Osborne

