



# CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION

Promote the health and general welfare of the people; to model and encourage preservation, conservation, education and recreation through responsible use and appreciation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.

**February 11, 2025**

**BOARD MEETING**

**2pm Osborne Welcome Center**

Board Chair Daryl Landsgard called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Members present included Larry Stone, Dave Asche, and Kris Lau. Director Jenna Pollock and Office Manager Molly Scherf were also present.

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Stone made a motion to approve January 2025 minutes, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Stone made a motion to pay the claims and Asche seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the monthly report provided by the Auditor's Office. A correction will be made removing Kelsi Davis from the Admin salary and putting her into the correct Operations salary line. This was an oversight that was caught during the budget meeting.

## **Old Business**

1. Consider approval of 2024 Annual Report:

The Energy District report is now added and all of this will be posted to the website.

2. Update of various project timelines and funding (update only):

- a. Pony Hollow Trail Expansion – Pollock sat down with John Moyna (land owner), Ryan Wicks (Fehr Graham), 2 DNR representatives and a DOT representative to discuss the new alignment for the trail to cross Grape Rd. All were in favor of the change. Moyna is also heavily in favor of an underpass north of the wetland to take the trail into the City Park. He wants to also repair the wetland and make it function properly. The DNR and DOT reps will take this to their people to review.
- b. Motor Mill Repairs – Pollock met with Shive Hattery and they are ready to put it out for competitive quotes. When permits are in hand the bids will go out. Still waiting on the Army Corp of Engineers for permitting.
- c. Osborne Campground – Grand Opening May 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm. There will be a hotdog and smore roast open to the public. Reservations are now live on the MyCountyParks website for this campground.

3. FY26 Budget Presentation Recap:

Scherf and Pollock presented the budget to the Board of Supervisors. They had a few questions on grant funding but other than that they didn't have much to say. We should hear if it is approved or if changes are needed.

## **New Business**

1. Animal Exhibit Waterlines:

Pollock shared with the board the issues the animal exhibit waterlines have with freezing especially with no snow cover as an insulator. The lines were put in fairly shallow due to hitting bedrock. The two that are the highest elevation (fox and cats) seem to have the most issues. Pollock is wondering if boring lines deeper would be helpful. The board felt that if the part that is freezing is when it goes up towards the hydrant boring won't help much. Try heat tape and keep heaters running in well house.

2. Pollock requests to use 88 hours vacation February 24-March 10:

Asche made a motion to approve the vacation hours, seconded by Lau. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. Discuss Osborne Road Property:

Pam Gordon passed away recently. Her property is across from the Osborne General Store along Hwy 13. If the opportunity presents itself the CCCB would potentially want to acquire the property.

**Upcoming Programs/Events** available at [www.claytoncountyconservation.org](http://www.claytoncountyconservation.org)

## **Director's Report/Updates/Communications**

Welcome Center numbers included 126 individuals and 20 groups in January.

Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 38 presentations to 67 groups, 904 youth and 166 adults, 43 hours

The City of Elkader reached out about allowing parking in a portion of the EWP site across from the little league fields during games. It is a safety concern having vehicles parked along the roadside of High St. Pollock is aware parking on this EWP site is against our management agreement but Asche suggested talking to NRCS and see if they would allow it and if there is damage the city or little league board should agree to repair at their expense. Pollock will contact NRCS to discuss this.

Pollock was informed there was a change to the farm contract #'s. 1789 has now changed to 8537.

## **Adjournment**

Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Next meeting scheduled:** March 11, 2025

