



# 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.

**March 11, 2025**

**BOARD MEETING**

**2pm Osborne Welcome Center**

Vice Chair Gary Kregel 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 with the additions in old and new business, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

The board reviewed the monthly report provided by the Auditor's Office.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Grant Updates:**

- a. LAWCON - Osborne has seven deeds and they all need to be put into one document for this grant. They will be recorded and sent to the grant committee to receive the final reimbursement.
- b. Destination Iowa – Reimbursements 3 and 4 have been submitted.
- c. Pony Hollow Trail – Pollock will be meeting with DNR and John Moyna Thursday. DNR doesn't want trail going through wetland area due to it being listed as a management area. Pollock will update the board on what solutions Moyna and the DNR come up with.

## **New Business**

### **1. Becker West Timber Management:**

In the area where a controlled burn entered the timber last year Slocum and Asche have investigated a potential harvest. The goal is to get more oak regeneration and remove the shade tolerant species. Looks like there would be enough for a small sale in the winter when oaks are dormant. Asche can mark the sale trees and put together a bid packet in Sept/Oct.

Stone made a motion to approve the plan, Lau seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **2. Discuss Bloody Run Easement Conditions:**

New nearby landowner, Eric Gamm, would like to improve the easement. There is no established easement on record. Pollock recommends getting this recorded and spell out length and width of road and perhaps some wording about tree removal. County attorney is willing to draw up the agreement. Upgrade to the easement would need to be approved by the CCCB.

Stone made a motion to approve having the county attorney draw up easement papers, seconded by Asche. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. Disperse Director Evaluation:

Return completed document for April meeting for discussion. If you have any concerns bring them to President Landsgard prior to meeting.

4. Osborne Security System:

The current company that runs the security system at Osborne has announced that it will need to be upgraded. The new system would be an increase in cost. Pollock will meet with Alpine Communications to see what options they have.

5. Big Springs DNR Seasonal Housing:

Mike Posanski, DNR Biologist at the Big Springs Hatchery, is looking for a campground for his seasonal to stay in this summer. Pollock would approve of him using a site at the Big Spring campground if he would be willing to clean out firepits and do the mowing which would reduce our maintenance schedule. The board is agreeable to this.

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

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

Welcome Center numbers included 88 individuals and 13 groups in February.

Env. Edu. Numbers for the past month included 31 presentations to 54 groups, 1038 youth and 368 adults, 42 hours

A call came in today from someone concerned about water testing in Bloody Run Creek. The caller was informed that the IA DNR is testing that stream and they should be contacted if there are any questions on what is being found. The caller expressed the need for more testing. Pollock noted the stream can be tested by the public at anytime due to it being on public ground.

**Adjournment**

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

**Next meeting scheduled:** April 8, 2025