

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2021 at the Osborne Welcome Center and via Zoom.

Vice-Chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present on Zoom were Larry Stone and Pam Vaske. Staff present on site were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

Stone made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

MINUTES

Stone made a motion to approve the 2/9/2021 meeting minutes, with the addition of adding "equipment alone, not including installation" under New Business, #2, sixth sentence. This was second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Stone made a motion to approve all claims and allow Director Pollock, authority to sign claims, second by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report and endowment statement were reviewed by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Motor Mill Trail Construction Update*–
Pollock reported March 20th is the grand opening as well as the Motor Motor 5K/10K race. The additional seeding and any other work needed to be done will happen after March 20th so as not to damage the course before the race.

2. *Pony Hollow Trail Extension Update* –
Lyle TeKippe (Fehr Graham) gave Scherf the Phase 2 estimate and the TAP application was completed. Grant awards will be announced March 17th.

3. *Elkader-Elgin TRRC Trail Planning Update* –
Pollock reported to the board that there has been a steering committee exploring this potential trail. The City of Elkader put money towards a route study which was done by MSA Professional Services. The committee has reviewed the study and in the future it will be put out for public review. Eventually the City of Elkader and CCCB will look into funding.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approving LAWCON Grant for submission (Osborne Campground) --
Kenny Slocum is working on completing the LAWCON grant. It is being written for funds to cover ground prep, clearing, and design finalization. Pollock reported some of the other grants don't like to be "first money in" so this can be used as a match for any others we apply for. Stone made a motion to approve the resolution and allow Pollock and Scherf to sign the form, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.
2. Consider Approving Rural Innovation Grant for submission (Motor Inn)--
Pollock is applying for this grant in the amount of \$25,000 to be used towards the Motor Mill Inn restoration. Vaske made a motion to approve the submission, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.
3. Consider Awarding Mower Bid –
Bid 1: Bodensteiner John Deere-2020 John Deere Z994R Diesel with trade-in = \$\$8,900
Bid 2: MTI Distributing- 2 Master 7000 Diesel with trade-in = \$10,050.41
Bid 3: MTI Distributing- 2 Master 7500 with trade-in = \$13,168.24
Stone made a motion to accept the bid of \$8,900 from Bodensteiner John Deere, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.
4. Consider Awarding Stable Project Bids –
Pollock reported she met with the Motor Mill Foundation members at the stable today. The MM Foundation would like a structural engineer to provide insight on the flooring system. After the discussion with the foundation and the CCCB it was determined it would be best if the roof and cement work bids were not opened. All bids will be rejected because we are unsure on the flooring options and how that would affect the other bids. After a determination has been made on the flooring system bids can once again advertised. Vaske motioned to reject all bids until a determination on the flooring system can be made, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 9 groups and 57 individuals.

56 presentations were delivered to 904 youth and 112 adults for 35.75 group hours.

Motor Mill Trail Grand Opening will be held March 20th.

The DC Fast Charger that Jolene Jansen gave a report on in February would not be able to happen at Osborne due to Allamakee/Clayton REC only being a 1 phase in the park and the charging station needing to be 3 phase.

Pollock has had a few people contact her about volunteering. She is curious what the board thinks about letting them run committees such as fundraising for the campground. The board mentioned perhaps finding out about starting a friends group and asking other counties how they handle volunteers.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is typically held the beginning of May. Pollock asked the board if they should postpone to a later date and see how the public is doing with Covid. The board agreed moving it to June when it is warmer and hosting the event outdoors would be a good compromise.

ADJOURNED

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

NEXT MEETING April 13, 2021, 6pm Osborne Nature Center