

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, July 14, 2020. This meeting took place at Bloody Run County Park.

Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present was Daryl Landsgard, Pam Vaske, Marilyn Lenth and Larry Stone. Staff present was Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Landsgard made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Landsgard made a motion to approve the claims, second by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board. Pollock reported the Great Give Day amount of \$541.12 was transferred into the Osborne endowment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motor Mill Trail Update –

Representatives from Fehr Graham and C.J. Moyna, Inc. are fine tuning the numbers. When they come to an agreement on the quantities it will need to be approved by the CCCB. Moynas have stated the construction will begin mid-August. They will be given 50 working days to complete the project.

2. Osborne Campground Update –

Board reviewed the preliminary design put together by Shive-Hattery.

Staff feedback was campground should connect to amenities and offer tent sites.

The board discussed changing the entrance to the existing park entrance and following the old Hwy 13 road to the proposed campground as a safer option.

This design has a dump station and each site includes electric and water hookups.

The board questioned if the laneway would be gravel or paved? Pollock will look into the cost difference. Board is okay with gravel considering our existing parking lot and driveway are gravel.

It was suggested that a playground be incorporated into the design.

Pollock will give all the suggestions to the designers. Next step will be Shive-Hattery determining a cost estimate. Pollock will also speak to the Board of Supervisors about this project.

3. Pony Hollow Trail Extension –

The State Recreational Trail Grant has been applied and the grant committee has some questions which Pollock is taking as a good sign. Lyle from Fehr Graham provided some drawings

to answer some of the questions. Most of the other questions were about Moyna mineral rights, land, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider Bids for Bloody Run Co. Park Bank Stabilization –
 - a. Ethan Koehn Construction Bid:
Bloody Run Streambank Repair & Habitat Improvement -- \$11,480
Shelter removal and haul away -- \$200
TOTAL -- \$11,680
 - b. Keppler Custom Hire Bid:
Bloody Run Streambank Repair & Habitat Improvement -- \$14,446
Shelter removal and haul away -- \$550
TOTAL -- \$14,996

Neither contractor was present for the meeting. Stone made a motion that upon Pollock’s discussion with Koehn making sure he understands the project fully that the CCCB will accept the bid from Ethan Koehn Construction for \$11,680, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

- 2. Consider Approval of the UMGC Grant for Easy Walking Native Wildlife Path –
Landsgard made a motion to approve the application for the UMGC grant using matching funds out of the reserves, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

- 3. Consider Approval of the State Rec Trail Grant Resolution –

CLAYTON COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

RESOLUTION #2020-3

PONY HOLLOW TRAIL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION

STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS
GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Conservation Board is applying to the 2020 State Recreational Trails grant funds for the construction and surfacing of a portion of the Pony Hollow Trail Extension in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Conservation Board agrees to conform with the regulations, statutes, terms, and conditions described in the grant application and instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Conservation Board agrees to be responsible for the maintenance of this trail section and the associated Pony Hollow Trail Extension for its intended public use for a minimum of 20 years following completion of the project; and

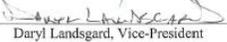
WHEREAS, the Clayton County Conservation Board, with the financial assistance from its Reserve Account proposes to provide the matching funds outlined in the State Recreational Trail grant application; and

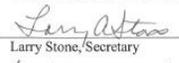
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clayton County, Iowa, Conservation Board hereby authorizes its Executive Director to submit this application on behalf of the Clayton County Conservation Board to the Iowa Department of Transportation and to act on behalf of the Clayton County Conservation Board in providing additional information as may be requested.

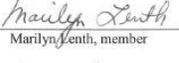
DATED at Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa this 4th day of February, 2020.

CLAYTON COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

BY:  _____ aye: nay: _____ absent: _____ abstaining: _____
Gary Kreggl, President

BY:  _____ aye: nay: _____ absent: _____ abstaining: _____
Daryl Landsgard, Vice-President

BY:  _____ aye: nay: _____ absent: _____ abstaining: _____
Larry Stone, Secretary

BY:  _____ aye: nay: _____ absent: _____ abstaining: _____
Marilyn Lenth, member

BY:  _____ aye: nay: _____ absent: _____ abstaining: _____
Pamela Vaske, member

Lenth made a motion to approve the State Rec Grant Resolution, seconded by Landsgard, unanimous approval. Passed.

4. Consider Updating Bank Signature Cards –

The FreedomBank checking account needs to have Harry Luster, past employee, removed and Molly Scherf added to the signature card.

Stone made a motion to approve removing Luster and adding Scherf, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

5. Consider Approval of Interim Park Ranger Position, Rate of Pay, and Term of Employment –

To give Pollock some weekends off she has started training Ken Hoeger, reserve officer, as a temporary park ranger. He will drive the conservation patrol vehicle on the Fridays and Saturdays he works. His rate is \$16.32/hr for approximately 5 weekends of work or when needed.

Landsgard made a motion to approve the interim park ranger, pay, and term as described above, seconded by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Motor Mill Tours have begun on Saturdays until Labor Day

Ghosts of Motor Mill July 18, 8:00 PM

STEAM at Motor Mill July 30, 9:00 AM

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Pollock shared a thank you note from MFL-MAR-MAC ambulance crew for the rescue assistance of a park goer at Pike's Peak with our Park Ranger.

Slocum, Koopman, and Pollock met today with the Board of Supervisors to go over the Roadside Management Plan.

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- **Weekly Spotlight Videos for Facebook: so far they have reached:**
 - Northeast Iowa Orchids (224 views)
 - Frogs of Osborne (409 views)
 - Black Bear Enrichment (468 views)
 - Wild Berries (794 views)
 - June 25 Start Polly Pollinator (19 engaged, 533 reached)
 - **Motor Weekly Sesquicentennial History Bits**
 - James Crosby First Car (49 engaged, 603 reached)
 - Chinch Bugs (29 engaged, 676 reached)
 - First Bridge Was Wooden (218 engaged, 2124 reached)
 - **4 other Motor posts**
 - Fungi (115 engaged, 1119 reached)
 - National Trails Day, (80 engaged, 983 reached)
 - Oak Savanna Prairie, (117 engaged, 1657 reached)
 - Re-opening July 11th (124 engaged, 2210 reached)

ADJOURNED

Landsgard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Lenth, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING Aug 11, 2020, 2pm Big Springs Park (campground)