

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at Osborne. Chairman, Gary Kregel, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Other members present were Daryl Landsgard, and Larry Stone. Absent were Marilyn Lenth and Pam Vaske. Staff present was Jenna Pollock, Director and Molly Scherf. Guest present was Pat Schaefers, NRCS.

## **AGENDA**

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

## **MINUTES**

Correction in Old Business #1 should read “With no market for pine and much of the stand dying there hasn’t been a concrete plan for the area after the dead trees are removed”. Landsgard made a motion to approve the July 9 meeting minutes with the corrections, second by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **CLAIMS**

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The report was reviewed by the board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*1. Tour Pine Stand at Osborne-* Pollock took board members on a tour of the pine stand behind the native animal exhibit after the meeting to discuss future plans for the area.

*2. Authorize the Eno Transfer to INHF-* Brian Fankhauser with INHF contacted Pollock and discussed how INHF is willing to take the Eno property. INHF would like the declaratory judgement to be in the deed. Kregel would like to propose that the auction money stay with the CCCB to cover the expenses over the three years.

Landsgard made a motion proposing CCCB move forward with the transfer of property to INHF, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

*3. Authorize the Chair to sign 2018-C-230 ClaytonCoConsBd/Highway13 Shoulder Contract*—Pollock has reviewed and had the document adjusted to state the money has already been transferred to the IADOT for the shoulder expansion in the amounts of \$30,000 and \$120,000. Landsgard made a motion to sign the contract with the IADOT to pay for the expansion of shoulder on Highway 13, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed. Kregel signed the contract.

*4. Authorize the Chair to sign REAP application* – This REAP grant was already approved by the CCCB in previous meeting. Landsgard made a motion to sign the application, Stone seconded, unanimous

approval. Passed. Kregel then signed the REAP application prepared by Pollock asking for \$250,000 to be used for the Motor Mill Trail.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Patrol Truck Bid-

Birdnow Motors

1<sup>st</sup> bid: 2020 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab Work Truck, \$25,999

2<sup>nd</sup> bid: 2020 Chevy Silverado 1500 Double Cab Work Truck, \$21,900  
trade in of \$7,000

Torkelson Motors

1<sup>st</sup> bid: 2019 RAM 1500 Crew Cab, \$18,029

2<sup>nd</sup> bid: 2019 RAM 1500 Quad Cab, \$16,259  
trade in of \$7,500

A motion was made by Stone to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> bid from Torkelson Motors for the Crew Cab truck for \$18,029 with a trade in of \$7,500, Landsgard seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Consider Policy on Toxic Shot- There is an exhibit available from the Blank Park Zoo encouraging the voluntary switch to non-lead ammunition and tackle. Pollock is hoping to have this display brought to Osborne. The board discussed if it would be best to have Clayton County public hunting lands be voluntary or ban lead shot. How do we educate the public if it is banned? Suggestions were signs, media, and posters at ammunition sale sites. The board agrees the best practice would be to ban toxic shot on all of our county conservation property. Pollock will have a lead-free ammunition policy for the September meeting.

3. Consider Enrollment in EWP on Becker East Crop Ground – Pat Schaefer from the NRCS spoke to the board on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program that will be available in Iowa after these latest disasters. Last time this program was available was in 2008. He explained how the Becker East property would be eligible to apply. Schaefer is estimating that cropland would be \$5,00-\$5,500/acre and non-cropland would be closer to \$1,000-\$1,500/acre. The NRCS would purchase a permanent easement and cover the cost of seeding and mowing the first year. Hunting would still be allowed but no structures or permanent trails could be built on the property. The CCCB is interested in pursuing this program and will discuss it further in the September meeting when the other board members are present. An application will need to be turned in to NRCS to be put on the list for possible enrollment. (see NRCS documents attached)

4. Authorize the CCCB to Sign the Approved June Minutes for UMGC Grant – Landsgard made a motion for the CCCB to sign the June minutes to complete the UMGC grant application, Stone seconded, unanimous approval. Passed.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

August 16      Nature Kids: Bees  
August 27      Multi-cropping Iowa

September 19 OWLS: Aldo Leopold WI Trip

October 12-13 Heritage Days

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

26 presentations were delivered to 235 youth, 72 adults for 79.75 group hours. Welcome Center visitors for July included 269 groups and 843 individuals on the voluntary register.

Updates on construction projects across conservation areas – Pollock is waiting on electrical estimates for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor before sending out bids. Motor Mill and Frieden's park river bank repairs can begin anytime. Volga River project is waiting on DNR bid sheet. Pollock has contacted Koehn's on the pond project and they pulled work truck into the site but have yet to start work again.

Whistlin Bit Challenge Course and Camping Request –Oct 19<sup>th</sup> on Volga River near old campground. They will carry their own liability insurance and be allowed to camp on site for a donation.

### **ADJOURNED**

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

**NEXT MEETING** Sept 10, 2019 6pm. Location TBD.