

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Clayton County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022 at the Osborne Welcome Center.

Chair, Daryl Landsgard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Pam Vaske, Larry Stone and Gary Kregel. Staff present were Jenna Pollock and Molly Scherf. Guest present was Mike Tucker.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Kregel made a motion to approve the 7/12/2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

CLAIMS

Kregel made a motion to approve all claims, seconded by Stone, unanimous approval. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

The financial report was reviewed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Awarding Inn Restoration Project Bid–

Mike Tucker presented the one bid that was received from Steege Construction out of Waverly for \$639,450. He explained this is higher than the anticipated cost due to high material costs and he doesn't feel those will drop. The board was concerned with the price but Pollock explained there is already \$300,000 secured from grants and private donations. She is confident the remainder will be funded from additional grants as well as donations.

Stone made a motion to accept the bid from Steege Construction for \$639,450 with the added note the board will re-evaluate at the end of the year to make sure we are on track with funds, seconded by Kregel, unanimous approval. Passed.

2. Consider Awarding Inn Septic/Water Bid –

One bid was received from Vorwald Enterprises Inc. for \$10,673.22

Stone made a motion to accept the bid from Vorwald Enterprises Inc. for \$10,673.22, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

3. Consider Approval of Support Letter for Regional Backbone Trail Destination Iowa Grant –

Pollock is in the process of applying for the Destination Iowa Grant for the Regional Backbone Trail which for Clayton County would include completing Pony Hollow Trail loop and the 2.5 mile portion from Fayette/Clayton line on Bugle Rd. to Agate Rd. There is already TAP funding for

both portions as well as Wellmark and UMGC grant funds for Pony Hollow Trail. This additional Destination Iowa Grant money would potentially fully fund the remaining money needed to complete these projects as well as fund the other trails on the Regional Backbone Trail System.

Kregel made a motion to approve the support letter for Pony Hollow Trail but not the Bugle Rd portion, no second, motion was withdrawn.

Stone made a motion approve the support letter for the Regional Backbone Trail including both Bugle Rd. and Pony Hollow Trail, seconded by Vaske, 2 to 1 vote. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Available at www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Director's Report/Updates/Communications

Welcome Center numbers included 972 individuals and 280 groups.

Environmental Education Programs totaled 39 presentations to 319 youth and 140 adults

Pollock reported the patrol truck is needing all new tires again. We will be going with a better ply for the gravel road travel.

Pollock reminded the board about the upcoming conference in Dubuque for the Iowa County Conservation System that they can attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Stone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vaske, unanimous approval. Passed.

NEXT MEETING Sept 13, 2022, 6pm at Osborne