

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022
Boone County courthouse 4th floor conference room

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Greg Stotts, Marilyn Jordan, Pat Hagan, Brandon Moe
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie Healy

Chair Jordan officially called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Moe made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Stotts. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting made by Moe, seconded by Stotts.
Motion passed.

Ex. Dir. Healy presented the monthly bills totaling \$24,249.25. Motion made by Hagan to approve the bills, seconded by Moe. Passed.

Old Business

Ex. Dir. Healy gave a Boone County Trails Advisory Committee update. Groundbreaking for construction of phase 1A, adding a section of trail from the High Trestle Trail to Swede Point park, will happen soon. The concrete company doing the work is planning to start in June. A suggestion was made to have a groundbreaking ceremony; a date will be chosen shortly. We have a submitted grant application, and are waiting on a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers saying they will renew the lease for that land. They say they are willing to provide that letter.

New Business

Season opening update: all of the campgrounds are now open. Multiple leaks were found in the bathhouses when they were first turned on this year and needed to be fixed. The way they were winterized this past year did not work properly, so we plan to go back to the old way of winterizing next year.

In opening up the electric camping sites recently, park staff realized that the electric 50 amp pedestals we ordered and received last year to upgrade Campground C are only single units, not doubles as expected. This means they will only service half the number of sites that we thought they would, so we are short ~20 electric sites. Ex. Dir. Healy will look into the most cost-effective way to replace these with the correct pedestals and figure out what to do with the incorrect ones that were just installed.

Boat dock reservations for the year are now complete. The price increase this year did not have much of an effect on renewals. Only a few people chose not to renew.

Staff and interested golf volunteers helped call around to many different golf cart rentals places trying to find a new supplier for our golf carts. Many locations did not have any available. However, we eventually found Miller and Sons Golf Cars. They will supply us carts at a rate of \$136 a month per cart for 6 months. That rate is locked in for the next 5 years if we stay with them.

New Employee Updates: two new seasonal employees are starting in the next week or two as general conservation aides. Ex. Dir. Healy checked our budget numbers and is planning to raise the hourly rate we pay seasonal employees. All of the seasonals this year are cross-training to learn all of the different jobs so they can help out where needed.

Open Discussion:

Board members Moe and Hagan met with a representative from Morton buildings recently to discuss getting a quote for a 36' x 56' building for a new clubhouse. The rep from Morton is working on a quote for us now. Their timeframe would be next spring for putting up the shell of the building. Then subcontractors would be bid out to complete the inside work.

Member Stotts met with someone from Sukup to discuss what kind of clubhouse building they could put up. We would have to put down a deposit first to secure a place in line, and then they would let us know the timeframe for delivery. Audience member Kevin Porter brought up concerns that they are not actually able to deliver on what they claimed. He added that metal frame buildings generally are a year and a half out for production. Member Stotts is waiting to hear back from one more company he contacted.


Discussion of the best way to incorporate a storm shelter into the new building was had between the board and the audience.

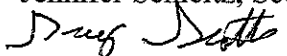
Member Jordan met with Randy Johnson a couple weeks ago about potentially starting a non-profit "Friends of Don Williams" group. They had a good discussion and shared suggestions. Randy is holding a meeting with some interested people on Wednesday night about how to move forward.

Member Moe talked about plans for this year with other groups to help fund youth golfing.

Motion to adjourn by Hagan, 2nd by Moe. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.


Marilyn Jordan, Chair


Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary


Doug Stotts Board Memb.