

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, November 14, 2022
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Brandon Moe, Marilyn Jordan
Members absent: Greg Stotts, Pat Hagan
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie (Healy) Taylor
New county supervisor-elect Shawn Bryant also joined the meeting.

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

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

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

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$15,035.52. Motion made by Moe to approve the bills, seconded by Schieltz. Passed.

Once county auditor Diane Patrick returns from vacation, Ex. Dir. Taylor plans to have a meeting with her to finalize a budget amendment from the County supervisors totaling \$198,881.82 that will be coming back into our budget to reimburse expenses that we paid upfront but that are covered by insurance, grants, or allocated by the supervisors.

Old Business

Don Williams golf course and clubhouse update: Ex. Dir. Taylor reported that member Hagan recently met with Nathan Ross, assistant county engineer, to discuss the design, cost, and process we must go through for building a new clubhouse. Nathan will set up a meeting with engineering firm Shive-Hattery soon. Member Moe noted that he met with clubhouse concessionaire Randy Johnson and had a good conversation about future planning. They discussed several ideas for the board to consider including in next year's budget proposal to be presented to the county supervisors in February.

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave a Boone County Trails Advisory Committee update. Section 1A of the new bike trail from Highway 210 up to the edge of Swede Pointe Park is complete. We have already made two payments to Caliber concrete for this work. The only thing left is a 3% retainage to be paid to them upon final completion. The next goal is to figure out how to pay for division 1B to bring the trail into Swede Pointe park. We applied for a grant earlier this year that we likely would have received but the state flagged certain areas for possible burial mounds and denied us this grant, saying they wanted further archaeology surveys done. Snyder & Associates is working to get in touch with the tribal nation to hopefully have a conversation and ask if they have concerns that need to be addressed, in order to allow us to reapply for this grant. The other option is to change the route and possibly use only the road right of way.

New Business

Strategic plan discussion: 2017 – 2020 was the last strategic plan. Between covid interruptions and a change in executive director, we have not yet created a new one. The board agrees that it is

time to write a new strategic plan. Ex. Dir. Taylor will be reaching out to the board members over the coming weeks to discuss how to work on this new plan.

Other Board Discussion: Member Moe notes that he drove around recently and looked at all of our county conservation signs and they are all looking really rough. He thinks we need to make it a priority to get those replaced soon. Member Schieltz noted that she works with Iowa State graphic design students that might be willing to do some sign design work if needed.

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented some preliminary revenue numbers from camping and cabin rental at Don Williams and Swede Pointe for this summer through September.

Motion to adjourn by Hagan, 2nd by Moe. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary