

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Greg Stotts, Pat Hagan, Randy Johnson

Members absent: Marilyn Jordan

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie Taylor

Vice Chair Hagan officially called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Ex. Dir Taylor proposed one change to the agenda – we will table the update from the Boone County Trails Advisory Committee until next month. Stotts made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, 2nd by Johnson. Motion passed.

Stotts made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Johnson seconded. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$31,841.08. Bills this month included the purchase of two new mini-splits to provide heat and A/C to cabin #3 at Don Williams where groundhogs have been going under the building and destroying the ductwork. This should make this building able to be used year-round now. A curb stop was also installed so that we can shut off the water to each cabin individually, rather than having to shut off all three at once. Two items to rebuild the cart shed that burned down - concrete work and 25% down on a new building - will be reimbursed by our insurance. Motion made by Stotts to approve the bills, seconded by Johnson. Passed.

Old Business:

Don Williams clubhouse remodel update: 10Fold sent over two revised options for a scaled-down remodel, to try to get us closer to our budget goal. However, both new options are still well over the \$450,000 allocated to us by the county supervisors for this project. The board discussed ways to move forward, and whether we should continue to work with 10Fold or not. The septic tank has been located, but it is just a tank, there is no leach field. So no matter how we move forward, we will still need to deal with this issue. The board agreed to get some more information on several options and then talk to the county supervisors next week about how to proceed.

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave an update on the Don Williams cart shed rebuild. The concrete has been poured. The building has been ordered. After the building is in, electric wiring will be done.

New Business:

2023 Season revenue review: Ex. Dir. Taylor shared the revenue received to date from camping, golf, shelter and cabin rentals. So far, we are on track in most categories to meet our FY2023/24 goals for revenue. Cabin rental revenue is down quite a bit, but hopefully we can make up for some of this in the spring.

2024 User fee discussion: Ex. Dir. Taylor reminded the board of our current (2023) user fees in all categories. The board discussed how we might adjust some of these fees for 2024. We will look at options and decide on rates at our next meeting.

Other Board Discussion: Member Johnson noted that we need new concrete for the #7 and #8 tee boxes on the golf course to build new shelters on. He would like to get that poured soon so volunteers can work on building over the next few weeks.

Motion to adjourn by Schieltz, 2nd by Stotts. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary