

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor Conference Room

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Marilyn Jordan, Greg Stotts

Employees present: Interim Ex. Dir. Katie Healy, Ranger Blayne Sunstrom

Chair Stotts officially called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Motion made by Jordan to approve the agenda, 2nd by Schieltz, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the August 2021 meeting by Schieltz, 2nd by Jordan. Passed.

Interim Ex. Dir. Healy reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Schieltz moved and Jordan seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$48,469.96 plus \$21,916.00 from REAP for the Grant's Woods restroom facility. Passed.

Old business:

Interim Ex. Dir. Healy gave an update on the Boone County Trails Advisory Committee. Ranger Sunstrom suggested that we slightly shift the planned route where the new trail will enter Swede Pointe Park to avoid traffic and congestion near the shop. This required some extra archaeological surveying, which was approved.

Interim Ex. Dir. Healy and ranger Sunstrom gave an update on the Grant's Woods restroom facility. The new building is now installed on site. Plumbing is connected. We are just waiting on electric to get hooked up and then the building will be fully operational. Now that this building is in, we can plan how to expand the parking lot further, as it is consistently full on busy days.

New Business:

Interim Ex. Dir. Healy noted that we need to re-stain the Don Williams cabins ASAP. One bid was received from Dan Redling for the cabin staining. The board approved the bid, so work can begin shortly.

Interim Ex. Dir. Healy discussed the American Rescue Plan funds available from the county. The Board of Supervisors has created an application, due October 15, to apply for these funds. The board discussed numerous needs related to water, sewer, and other infrastructure upgrades that we could possibly include in an application. Interim Ex. Dir. Healy will begin working on an application and trying to get quotes from contractors on costs for these projects, on the short timeline we have before the application deadline.

Open Discussion:

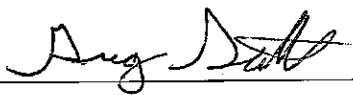
Ranger Sunstrom mentioned that bicyclists on the High Trestle Trail are not stopping at stop signs. There have been several incidents recently involving bike and car collisions. Ranger Sunstrom recently stenciled "Bikes must stop" on the concrete next to stop signs, and this still did not get people to stop. He proposes adding language to our trail rules that allows him to give citations for not stopping. This would entail writing an ordinance with the county attorney and

getting it approved by the Board of Supervisors. It was suggested that Ranger Sunstrom talk with Polk, Story and Dallas counties about approaching this as a coordinated effort and all putting in the same ordinance at once. The board suggests he bring this up at the next High Trestle Trail steering committee meeting in October.

Ranger Sunstrom gave an update on what he has been able to salvage from the old 4H camp so far, including lumber, lighting, and a chain link fence that can hopefully be used to create a dog park at Swede Pointe.

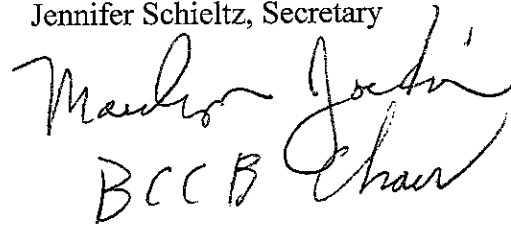
Interim Ex. Dir. Healy noted that the auditor's office is going to start submitting bill claims weekly now instead of bi-weekly. If we can begin submitting claims to the auditor's office weekly, that would help them out. Katie will draft something for us to sign at the next meeting. The board noted that the Executive Director position application deadline was extended until September 24. After the application closes, the board will schedule interviews with candidates.

Schieltz moved and Jordan seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Passed.



Greg Stotts, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary



BCCB Chair