

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
Boone County courthouse 4th floor conference room

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

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

Motion made by Stotts to approve the agenda, 2nd by Hagan, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting by Stotts, 2nd by Hagan. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Healy reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Schieltz moved and Hagan seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$6,658.23. Passed.

Old business:

Former Golf Course Superintendent Roger Zimmer, recently retired, spoke to the board to clarify some things from our January 5 meeting with him. He discussed his ideas for possible ways to run the clubhouse in the future. He noted that the course irrigation will eventually need to be replaced, but as long as it is being maintained it will keep working for a number of years. It does not need to be replaced immediately. He shared his feelings that his opinion is not being listened to and that is why he retired several months early. He feels that closing the golf course should not even be an option for the future. The board thanked Roger for his passion and 28-year commitment to the golf course and clarified that no decisions have been made. We are having a public forum in April to hear from the community. Roger plans to meet with the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday to share his concerns with them. Roger also noted the large crowd of guests in attendance at tonight's meeting because of their concern for the golf course.

New Business:

The board presented Roger Zimmer with a plaque thanking him for his 28 years of service to Boone County Conservation and the golf course.

Open Discussion – moved ahead in the agenda to accommodate all of the visitors in the audience:

Chair Jordan addressed the crowd to inform them all that we are having a public forum on April 5 at 6pm at Don Williams Lodge by the Lake to present information and then hear ideas and concerns from the public. Everyone is invited to that meeting. Several members of the crowd then asked questions about the process for hiring a clubhouse concessionaire and new golf course maintenance staff for this year. Ideas were provided including new places to advertise positions, how to increase compensation to the concessionaire to make the job more attractive, and how to get Ogden High School more involved. People shared their passion for Don Williams golf course and wish to see it updated and invested in.

Another audience member addressed the board about vandalism and theft on pontoon boats at Don Williams Lake. He believes that the pontoon boat slips and pontoon dock should only be for

people renting slips and not open to the public. He would like to see some additional signage that says "No public fishing off the dock". The board agreed to work on this additional signage. He also addressed the process for long-time renters to move to more desirable spots, which we will look into.

Back to New Business:

Ex. Dir. Healey noted that the Board of Supervisors interviewed three candidates last week for the open spot on the Conservation Board and they will interview one more this Wednesday. Once they make a decision on who to select, we should have a new member installed in time for our next meeting in March.

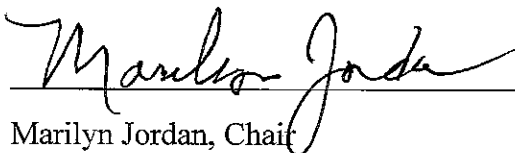
Ex. Dir Healey shared that our position application for a new Naturalist just closed and had at least 30 applications. The Park Ranger position (which will oversee the golf course) is open now and has several applicants already. It will be open for a couple more weeks.

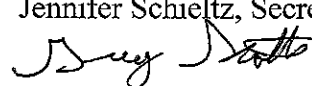
Ex. Dir. Healey shared the proposed fiscal year 2022/23 budget she presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Ex. Dir. Healey gave a Boone County Trails Advisory Committee update. Bids have been received for completing Division 1A to connect the High Trestle Trail to Swede Point park. Unfortunately, because costs have gone up, we need another \$135,000 above the funding already secured in order to accept even the lowest bid. Snyder & Associates will be asking the Board of Supervisors to approve American Rescue Plan funding to cover this.

The Conservation Board approved and signed a "Resolution on Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation" to accompany our Land and Water Trust Grant application. This is a required document so that we can reapply for grant funding from them.

Jordan moved and Stotts seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Passed.


Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary
 Board Member