

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room

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

Members absent:

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie Taylor, Naturalist Kyle Neuendorf

Chair Jordan officially called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

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

New Business (moved up in the agenda to allow Naturalist Kyle to present first):

Naturalist Kyle Neuendorf gave his quarterly update. During the past three months Kyle has presented numerous school and public programs, including summer reading days with all three county libraries (Madrid, Ogden, and Ericson Public library). He also had very good attendance for several outreach programs including Ogden Fun Days and Natives of the Zoo at Blank Park Zoo. He is working with United School in their Outdoor Classroom. Seed collection at Don Williams and monarch tagging are ongoing right now.

Back to regular business:

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$35,125.72. This includes \$6,500 to Miller Scrapmetal for the cost of removing the fire-damaged cart shed debris and concrete. We will receive a FY23/24 Budget Amendment to replace this \$6,500 from the insurance reimbursement. Motion made by Hagan to approve the bills, seconded by Stotts. Passed.

Old Business:

Don Williams clubhouse remodel update: 10Fold Architecture submitted a progress report. They have begun the conceptual layouts and the cost opinion. They need information from us on the current septic system. Unfortunately, Ex. Dir. Taylor cannot find any historical records or drawings showing where our current septic. The board suggested trying to contact a couple of former board members who might know some of these details, or looking into running a camera line thru the outlet pipe from the clubhouse to see where it goes. 10Fold also expressed concern that the dollar amount we have available for this project may not be enough to cover all of the work we want to do to expand and remodel the clubhouse.

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave an update on the Don Williams cart shed cleanup after the fire. Miller Scrapmetal did the cleanup and removed all of the debris. They had assured us that they were capable of doing the required asbestos testing/disposal. It turns out Miller Scrapmetal was not certified to do this and Ex. Dir. Taylor got a call from OSHA saying Miller should not have done the cleanup. They must have licensure with the DNR and then apply with the DNR for an active permit for the site ahead of time. The board recommended alerting county Attorney Matt Speers to this situation just in case there are any further issues or communication from OSHA.

We also received the insurance adjustment for replacing the cart shed. If we replace the cart shed with the same size building, ICAP will need competitive contractor bids submitted for review before approval. If we enlarge the building, the adjustment can be used towards replacement, but the county will be responsible for the cost difference with enlargement. The board discussed options but decided we need clarification from the insurance adjuster on exactly what they will pay out in different scenarios.

Other Board Discussion: we received a special event permit application for Iowa Bass Stockers for a tournament at Don Williams on September 30. A question came up after a recent event about at what point a non-county-sponsored event that takes place on county property needs to have county liability insurance attached? Ex. Dir. Taylor is trying to get an answer to this now. The board voted to conditionally approve this Bass Stockers permit as long as they have their own liability insurance if required by the county.

Motion to adjourn by Schieltz, 2nd by Stotts. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary