

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room and via Zoom

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

Members absent:

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

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

Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Johnson. Motion passed.

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

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$15,342.50. This included purchasing some more replacement lights for the High Trestle Trail bridge. We will need to figure out a different solution for when these lights need replaced again as they are no longer manufactured. Payments to rebuild the cart shed that burned down (totaling 74,046.75 this month) will be reimbursed by our insurance. A total of \$14,825.00 will be paid using ARPA dollars to 10Fold for Clubhouse Remodel engineering plans. Motion made by Jordan to approve the bills, seconded by Johnson. Passed.

Part of New Business was moved up in the agenda to allow Naturalist Kyle to give his quarterly update before Old Business.

New Business: Naturalist update

Naturalist Kyle told the board about the school and public programming he has conducted this quarter. This included a prescribed burn at the United School prairie and a story hour at Ericson Public library. He also participated in Hawk watch at the High Trestle Trail and a career fair. Monarch spectacular this year had even higher participation and Iowa State University NREM students helped with prairie seed harvest. Upcoming plans include some winter programming and professional development conferences.

Old Business:

Don Williams clubhouse remodel update: Ex. Dir. Taylor met with the county supervisors just before Thanksgiving to seek their advice on how to move forward. They want us to continue working with 10Fold. So we have asked 10Fold to re-do the plans again to reduce the cost more before putting it out for bids. The board agreed to schedule another meeting with 10Fold to discuss with them what we really need and don't need in the design. Given the timeframe we are now looking at, we do not anticipate construction beginning until next Fall.

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave an update on the Don Williams cart shed rebuild. The building has been put up. The new building should accommodate 12 more carts than the old one. Next, interior electric work and finishing will be done.

2024 User fee discussion: Ex. Dir. Taylor reminded the board of our current (2023) user fees in all categories and suggested changes for 2024. The board discussed modest increases in golf and

cart storage fees. We also discussed possibly adding a cleaning fee to the cabin rentals. The board will vote on final rates at the next meeting.

2024 Officers discussion: Pending reappointment of his term by the supervisors, Stotts will become Chair. Hagan will stay as Vice Chair and Schieltz will stay as Secretary.

Other Board Discussion: Two new concrete pads have been poured for shelters on the golf course. One of these shelters was destroyed by juveniles driving into it this fall.

Motion to adjourn by Stotts, 2nd by Jordan. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary