

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022
Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room

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

Members absent: Brandon Moe

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

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting made by Stotts, seconded by Hagan. Motion passed.

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$6,506.85. Motion made by Schieltz to approve the bills, seconded by Stotts. Passed.

Old Business

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave an update on ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) projects. The county supervisors awarded us money to replace all the water lines at Don Williams. Because of the total cost of this, it needs to be put out for public bid. Board member Hagan met with assistant county engineer Nathan Ross recently. Ross will be working with Shive-Hattery Engineering firm to get engineering/layout plans ready for bid packets for both the water lines and a new golf course clubhouse. Once these are ready, the board will review and approve them, then they can be put out for public bid sometime in 2023.

New Business

The board discussed 2023 officer positions. Hagan moved and Stotts seconded a motion to keep the same officer positions from 2022 to 2023. Motion passed. 2023 officers will remain: Jordan – Chair, Hagan – Vice Chair, Schieltz – Secretary, Stotts and Moe – members.

Naturalist Kyle Neuendorf gave his quarterly update. He continued with numerous school and scout programs. He also created several new programs this year, including Monarch Spectacular, a citizen-science project to tag monarch butterflies before they fly to Mexico. Kyle also participated in Family STEM night at the Blank Park Zoo. He hosted seed harvest volunteer days at Don Williams to collect the prairie seed we grew in the Iowa DNR plot. Kyle also attended a couple professional development meetings. Other programs included Hawk Watch at the High Trestle Trail and outdoor classroom. This winter he is looking forward to a number of programs including Li'l Naturalist, snow shoeing, ice fishing, etc.

2023 user fees discussion: The board discussed options for changing the user fees for 2023 for golf, camping, cabin and shelter rentals. We will vote on final decisions at next month's meeting.

Other Board Discussion: the board looked over the new Boone County website, which is now much easier to use and update and looks very nice. We shared ideas of things to update or include on the new Conservation webpages.

Ex. Dir. Taylor showed an example of signage made out of recycled material that Marshall County Conservation has recently used to update all of their signs. This is the type of sign we would like to order to replace our signs that are worn or in poor condition. Ex. Dir. Taylor is waiting to hear back about pricing.

Ex. Dir. Taylor will be out of town the first week of January, so we need to move the January board meeting. The board tentatively plans to move the meeting to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9am, in the Boone County Courthouse 4th floor conference room

Motion to adjourn by Hagan, 2nd by Schieltz. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Marilyn Jordan, Chair

Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary