

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
Boone County Courthouse 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

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

Members absent: Brandon Moe

Employees present: Ex. Dir. Katie Taylor

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

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

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

Ex. Dir. Taylor presented the monthly bills totaling \$40,424.16. Bills for this month include several large items that will get reimbursed by insurance (minus our \$5,000 deductible) from repairing the cabin at Don Williams that had water damage from a leak over the winter when pipes froze. This month also includes some of the last materials for renovating the Swede Pointe shelter. It will be ready for reservations soon, and we plan to have next month's meeting there. We also had to have septic tanks pumped at three locations. Ex. Dir. Taylor ordered new camping tickets, which should last us for the next three years. Motion made by Hagan to approve the bills, seconded by Stotts. Passed.

Old Business:

Bill Grieser gave a Friends of Don Williams update. They had a meeting last week. They are willing to come help move some downed trees near the course. Bill asked if we are planning to do some stump grinding. Ex. Dir. Taylor said yes, but after they finish some other things, so not immediately. The Friends group talked about replacing some bridge boards and are in the process of finding boards to do this work. Bill also asked if we will be planting some more new trees. Ex. Dir. Taylor will look into which species would be best for this. Their group also wanted to talk about the possibility of finding an outside contractor to take over golf course maintenance and the option of renovating rather than replacing the current clubhouse. The board and the audience discussed pros and cons of these two options and also alternative options for an engineering firm to oversee the clubhouse project. Bill has heard interest that Fareway in Ogden might be willing to help build a new cart shed, which the board was interested to hear and will explore.

New Business:

Don Williams clubhouse contractor position: the "Lucky Pig" restaurant owners Bill and Laura Grieser and Mike and Lisa Savits have agreed to manage the clubhouse for 2023. They will receive a percentage of daily fees as compensation. Chair Jordan signed the contract for this.

Ex. Dir. Taylor asked the board to consider approving a contract with the Purple Wave auction site to sell some of our old equipment like mowers, a ditch witch, etc. This company works really well with and waives the fee for government entities. They come out within a few days of signing the contract to take pictures of everything and get them online. Items will be posted

online for a few weeks for people to look at, then the auction will be opened for online bidding. The board approved of moving forward with this.

Ex. Dir. Taylor gave an update on preparations for the upcoming recreation season. Water is now turned on everywhere except golf course irrigation, which will be worked on this week. Bathrooms are open at Don Williams and Swede point and some maintenance was performed on toilets, etc. She is hoping to get some new-to-us bathroom dividers from the old 4-H camp. Staff were able to do some prairie and brush pile burning last week. Swede Pointe already has some campers; Don Williams will open for camping this Friday. Camp ground hosts are getting set up now. Ranger Cooper Sanor graduates from the law enforcement academy April 21.

Member Brandon Moe has announced he is resigning his position on the Conservation Board due to other time commitments. Ex. Dir. Taylor will let the supervisors know at their Wednesday meeting. They will then need to advertise the open position and appoint a new person.

Other Board Discussion:

The board discussed immediate next steps to move forward on the new clubhouse. Member Hagan will plan to meet with the new county engineer and/or Shive-Hattery to discuss scaling down the building design and where to locate it.

Motion to adjourn by Schieltz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hagan. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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Marilyn Jordan, Chair

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Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary