

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Carolyn Buckingham, President
Bill Waldie, Vice President
Gene Zdrazil
Connie Mutel
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary (via Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Emily Allen, Office Assistant
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.
Wade Schultz, Op. Supt.

OTHER STAFF:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney
Lisa Green-Douglass, Board of Supervisors

President Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of February 15, 2022. Second Bonnie Winslow-Garvin by with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

No public present.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Acquisition of 2.93 acres from Linn County REC to construct a tunnel under Highway 6 for connecting the Clear Creek Trail to Kent Park.

Discussion only.

2. Discussion/Action – Alignment of the Clear Creek Trail from Half Moon Ave. to Kent Park.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to authorize the Director to pursue the second trail option along Half Moon Ave. and Highway 6. Second by Bill Waldie with unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Use agreement with Erin and Brian Melloy for staying in the residence at the Two Horse Farm from closing until July 1, 2022, to help transition for management.

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to authorize the Director to enter into a Use Agreement with the Melloy's for 2257 Sugar Bottom Rd. from closing until June 30, 2022 subject to final approval by the Director and the County Attorney Office. Second by Bill Waldie with unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Land Use Agreement with Raptor Advocacy, Rehabilitation and Education (RARE) to support a raptor rehabilitation program at the Two Horse Farm.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to authorize the Director to enter into a Land Use Agreement with Raptor Advocacy, Rehabilitation and Education (RARE) for designated Facilities at 2257 Sugar Bottom Rd. subject to final approval by the Director and the County Attorney's Office. Second by Gene Zdrazil with unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Resolution and Management Agreement with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska to manage 7 acres within the boundary of the Two Horse Farm.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to defer action on this resolution. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion/Action – Authorization to close on 83 acres, known as the Two Horse Farm, from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to proceed with the closing on the acquisition of the 83 acres, known as the Two Horse Farm and to sign all documents necessary to complete the acquisition. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with unanimous vote.

7. Discussion/Action – The FY21 Annual Report and submission to the Board of Supervisors

Discussion only.

8. Discussion/Action – Review any proposed changes to the Director evaluation process if applicable.

Discussion only.

9. Discussion/Action - Closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. Possible closed session per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:51 pm to go into closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to come out of closed session at 8:12 pm. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$23,148.35, department 32 in the amount of \$867.71, department 35 in the amount of \$49,748.00, department 40 in the amount of \$415.14, department 44 Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal in the amount of \$15,280.50, department 83 in the amount of \$1,201,660.78, department 85 North Shop in the amount of \$13,250.00, department 85 Sutliff Bridge/CRC Entry in the amount of \$8,521.45. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, 5:30 pm – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park

Phebe Timber Dedication – Saturday, April 30th, 2022, 1 – 3 pm

Public Hearing for the Campground Shower House and Wastewater System Bid Documents – Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:30 pm - Conservation Education Center at Kent Park

Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 5:30 pm – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park

Meeting to Review and Accept a Bid for the Campground Shower House and Wastewater System – Thursday, May 26th, 2022 – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 19th day of April, 2022.

Signature on File
Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary