

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.
Wade Schultz, Op. Supt.
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Prgm. Mgr.
Charlie Bray, Park Ranger

OTHER STAFF:

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

President Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of April 19, 2022 and the Special Meeting minutes of May 2, 2022. Second by Gene Zdrazil and Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$23,659.52, department 32 in the amount of \$5,238.61, department 40 in the amount of \$416.64, department 82 in the amount of \$7,589.90, department 83 in the amount of \$6,490.00, department 85 Sutliff Bridge/CRC Entry in the amount of \$1,245.01 and department 35 ARPA Fund for the FW Kent Park Shower House & Wastewater Project in the amount of \$14,192.23. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Seth Zimmermann and V Fixner- Oraiz introduced themselves. Jim Tandy, John Tandy and Bob Wood introduced themselves and talked about the Clear Creek Trail corridor at Copi Road.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Consideration of agreement to act as third-party easement holder for Byler Stream Mitigation Bank.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to sign the Conservation Easement Acceptance Agreement for the Byler Stream Mitigation Bank contingent on final approval of the County Attorney's office. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion/Action – Review of a request to serve as a third-party easement holder for the Oak Crest Hill Road Wetland Mitigation Bank.

Adam Kos, CJ Moyna & Sons introduced himself and talked about the wetland bank. Consensus to continue moving forward with the project.

3. Discussion/Action – Management of the Clear Creek Trail corridor lands extending west from Half Moon Ave., to Copi Road and then west from Copi Road and north to Highway 6.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to close the area to hunting and metal detecting. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Agreement(s) related to acquisition of 2.93 acres with Linn County REC to construct a tunnel under Highway 6 to connect the Clear Creek Trail to Kent Park.

Motion was made by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin to authorize the Director to sign the agreement as stated with Linn County REC. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Agreement with Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) to complete a feasibility study for the restoration of the Pechman Creek Delta.

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to accept the agreement with RES to complete a feasibility study for the restoration of the Pechman Creek Delta. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

6. 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.

Discussion only.

7. Discussion/Action – Supplemental Agreement 3 with Stanley Consultants for engineering, design and permitting services for the Clear Creek Trail extension project.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to approve Supplemental Agreement 3 with Stanley Consultants. Second by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin with a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion/Action – Authorization to close out the FY22 budget.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to accept the items presented to close out the FY22 budget. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion/Action – Process for evaluation of the Executive Director at the June meeting.

Discussion only.

The Board took a break from 7:55 – 8:06 pm

10. 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 8:06 pm to go into a 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. Second by Bonnie

Winslow-Garvin with a roll call vote as follows: Zdrazil, aye; Waldie, aye; Winslow-Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Mutel, aye.

Motion was made by Bonnie Winslow-Garvin to come out of closed session at 8:30 pm. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Announcements/Correspondence:

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.

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 5:30 pm – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 21st day of June, 2022.

Signature on file
Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on file
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary