

Wapello County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting Notice
Monday, October 16th, 2023
5:30 PM Meeting
Pioneer Ridge Nature Center (1339 HWY 63, Bloomfield)

Call to Order:

Beth Doggett called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Roll Call:

Marsha Parker, Beth Doggett, Aaron Ruff, and Jeff Layton **Absent:** John Henscheid

Staff Present:

Rick Tebbs, Amanda Jones, Sara Runyan, Austin Roe, Mike McCall, Paul Totten, Cari Nicely

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved to approve the agenda, Jeff seconded, approved.

Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Jeff moved to approve the previous monthly meeting minutes, Marsha seconded, approved.

Guests:

Darren Batterson

Claims:

- WCCB claims for the month of September were submitted for approval.

Jeff moved to approve the WCCB claims for the month of September, Aaron seconded, approved.

- The American Gothic House Center claims for the month of September were submitted for approval.

Marsha moved to approve the AGHC claims for the month of September, Jeff seconded, approved.

Old Business:

- **Halloween Hike**

Marsha reported that there were 270 people in attendance Saturday night. Friday night was rescheduled due to a tornado watch. In total there was 52 volunteers/staff and \$1,206 was raised for the bus fund. Discussion followed between board and staff about improvements made this year.

New Business:

- **Chief Wapello Trail committee**

The Chief Wapello Trail committee was unable to attend the meeting. The committee is looking at the possibility of donating money for trails in the future.

- **Small pond in front of Pioneer Ridge Nature Center**

Wes Pearson looked at the small pond in the front of the nature center and will report back with what is needed for improvements.

- **Pearson house wiring**

Pearson house's wiring needs redone from meter to breaker box because there is no insulation which is a fire hazard. The fix will roughly be about \$1500. Marsha moved to fix the wiring at the Pearson house, Jeff seconded, approved.

- **Office Manager/Community Outreach Coordinator**

The board was given a job description to update the office manager's job description to better cover their current job duties. The board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

- **Trenching for parking lot light and diesel tank**

Trenching for the parking lot light and diesel tank are needed. The costs will be \$769.82 for diesel tank and \$2,511.49 for parking lot light. Jeff moved to move proceed with the trench work, Marsha seconded, approved.

- **Current registration and license plate requirement for camping**

Staff brought forth adding the requirement of current registration and license plate be required to camp at Pioneer Ridge Nature Area. This was due to issues that had occurred throughout the summer. Jeff moved to require current license plate and registration to camp, Aaron seconded, approved.

- **Moving fence at Pearson**

The neighbor at Pearson had the ground surveyed and the current fence is 14 feet off. Rick will meet with the neighbor and give a report back to the board. Jeff moved to work the land owner to move the fence after Rick has met with the land owner and reviewed the survey, Aaron seconded, approved.

American Gothic Board Updates

Cari updated the board on fall events and staffing at the American Gothic House Center.

Staff Reports and Comments:

The electric company will be looking at campground, some staff will be attended the E-commerce summit for mycountyparks, the Director will be looking into switching bank accounts for mcp.com with the help of the treasurer due to fees.

The director updated the board on the progress of the lake study update.

Campground bid packet status update. The bid packet should be ready the week before Thanksgiving and done accepting bids the week after Christmas.

November meeting will be November 13th.

Conservation Board Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting, Aaron seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:22PM.