

Wapello County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting Notice
Monday, June 10th, 2024
5:30 PM Meeting
Pioneer Ridge Nature Center (1339 HWY 63, Bloomfield)

Call to Order:

Aaron Ruff called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Roll Call:

Marsha Parker, Beth Doggett, and Aaron Ruff

Staff Present:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Marsha moved to approve the agenda, Beth seconded, approved.

Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes:

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

Guests:

Darren Batterson

Claims:

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

Marsha moved to approve the WCCB claims for the month of May, Beth seconded, approved.

- The American Gothic House Center (AGHC) claims for the month of May were submitted for approval.

Marsha moved to approve the AGHC claims for the month of May, Beth seconded, approved.

Old Business:

- **Pond Dam at Pioneer Ridge**

Three bids have been received for the construction work on the pond dam at Pioneer Ridge. The bids were reviewed and discussed by the board. Aaron moved to approve the bid from Crane, Beth seconded, the bid from Crane was approved.

New Business:

- **Approval of Change Orders for Campground Project**

Rick presented the board with change orders for the campground project to include some upgrades. Upgrades include; Huffcut pit toilet, cementing in utilities at sites, pads for picnic tables and shade structures at sites, cementing of site 1 for campground host, top dressing of gravel roads, level site for playground, informational kiosk design, and amended contract with Bolton and Menk for an additional \$10,500 for engineering services. Marsha moved to approve the change orders, Beth seconded, approved.

- **Approval of Hire for Conservation Technician**

John Scott was recommended for hire for the conservation technician opening, Marsha moved to approve the hire of John, Beth seconded, approved.

- **Approval of Hire for Summer Conservation Technician**

Faith Poole was recommended for hire for the Summer Conservation Technician position. Marsha moved to approve the hire of Faith Poole, Beth seconded, approved.

American Gothic Board Updates:

Cari updated the board with AGHC events. The 5k was a success, RAGBRAI and Porchfest are quickly approaching. She has been notified by Zach Nuun's office that the AGHC construction project has been recommended to the funding committee for appropriations.

Staff Reports and Comments:

Staff answered questions over projects, volunteers, and the new AmeriCorps member.

Conservation Board Comments:

Rick has been asked by the Board of Supervisors to create a clothing/ dress policy to be approved by the supervisors and conservation board for the department.

Discussed end of year spending, and budget for next year.

Sara informed the board members that Healthy Family Festival August 3rd if board members are interested in working (10-2, with set up at 9). Need to know by July 19th.

Adjournment:

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting, Marsha seconded, meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.