

Clinton County Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

via WebEx

Welcome& Introductions:

The regular meeting of the Clinton County Conservation Board was called to order by Chair Dan Srp on May 12th, 2020; at 6:13pm.

Board members present: Gloria Friederichsen, Jeff Beckwith, Dan Srp, Rita Hart and Brian Grell

Staff: Darin Voss, Jill Schmidt, Brad Taylor, Chip Brown, Jim Irwin, and Tara Sbertoli

Guests: Susan Green

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from the April 14, 2020 were presented. Rita Hart moved, Gloria Friederichsen seconded, to approve the minutes, motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial reports for April were presented. Gloria Friederichsen moved, Jeff Beckwith seconded, and approved the financials, motion carried.

Administrative Reports: Reviewed by the Board

New Business: Seasonal Positions: Two maintenance seasonal workers were hired and started at Rock Creek on Monday, May 11th two more to begin on May 18th and May 21st. Currently scheduled to work ½ time. It was asked how many hours a week can naturalists mow? Mark and Chuck have been mowing three days a week at the office, Sherman Park and for Chip at Eden Valley. Jim Irwin requested data on the number of hours needed for mowing, weed eating, for each park/area from Taylor and Brown. Two seasonal store workers have been hired but not certain of start date.

REAP Grant/Birding Program: There are two grants available. One is the backup plan for Habitat Stamp Grant/Petersen Property and the other is for the Birding Program to provide supplies for the program throughout the state. This grant was submitted prior to Wickham's departure and if granted we will receive program supplies by mail.

Timber Harvest & Forestry Field Day: Conservation was approached by Ben Bruggeman to hold a Forestry Field Day. Years ago, this was done, and Ben would like to do it again. It's an educational based program and may generate revenue. The board would like to table this discussion to a later date. Possibly once we have a new director. The board expresses concern that its purpose is for education and not revenue. Ben was also reaching out to the city of Clinton regarding Eagle Point Park. Advertisement and all expenses are paid by logger. Tabled.

Summer Camps: Other counties in the state are proceeding as normal while others are canceling. Some ideas include splitting camps to make them smaller groups. Some are making kits to do at home. Also, we could reschedule in August or cancel for the year. Board agreed to cancel the first two camps and then if others are modified naturalist to report to board for approval.

Bank Account Signature Authorizations: With many personnel changes (retirement of Rhonda McIntyre and Karen Petersen) taking place at the Treasurer's Office signatures need added to the

bank account located at DeWitt Bank & Trust. Jeff Beckwith made a motion to authorize Dustin Johnson, Greg Maxwell, and Dan Srp to be added to the above-mentioned account. Motion was seconded by Gloria Friederichsen. Motion carried. Tara Sbertoli to add authorized signatures once minutes are approved by the CCCB.

US Cellular Account Authorizations

Currently the Conservation cell phone account is only authorized by Walt Wickham and Karen Brix, which no longer are employed with the county. Tara will need authorization by the board to update the account. But needs to know who they would like to be authorized. Currently all with phones can make changes and purchases. Jeff Beckwith made a motion to authorize Brad Taylor and Tara Sbertoli to update and be authorized signatures for the account. Motion died – lack of second. Brian Grell made a motion authorizing Paul Banowetz from I.T. and Tara Sbertoli to update account removing all other names and former employees naming the two the only authorized signatures. Motion was seconded by Gloria Friederichsen. Motion carried. Tara to contact US Cellular after minutes are approved and signed by the board.

Old Business Discussion/Possible Action

AmeriCorps Grant Update: Gloria Friederichsen made a motion to authorize Jill Schmidt to move forward with the AmeriCorps grant application for 20-21, Brian Grell seconded, motion carried.

Habitat Stamp Grant Update: Rita Hart made a motion for Darin Voss to submit the grant with modifications suggested by Frances Boggus and Matt McQuillen, Brian Grell seconded motion. Motion carried.

Brophy Creek Update Tabled for next month/new director

Interview Team Update – Poll going out to board to pick interview dates. Five applicants received; we would like to interview four candidates in two evening meetings. If the board is not happy with outcome, we can extend the deadline/repost.

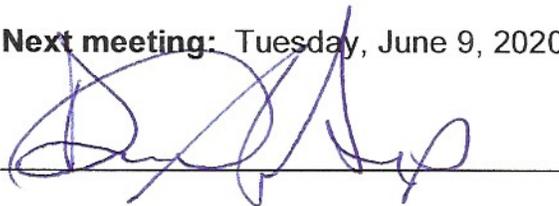
Budget Amendment Update- On May 2nd, the request was approved. The well work has been complete, and the stump grinder has been ordered.

Rock Creek Update – FEMA is moving along. We are in the final review process for the pedestals and electrical reimbursement.

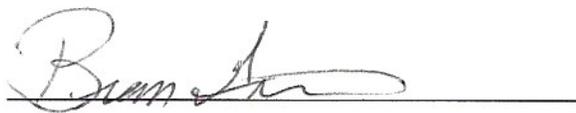
Eden Valley Addition Update – Showers are tiled. Expecting lots of campers this weekend through Memorial weekend.

Adjournment - Dan Srp adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 6pm - Location via WebEx



Dan Srp, President



Brian Grell, Secretary/Treasurer