

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Zdrazil, President  
Bill Waldie, Vice President  
Larry Wilson, Secretary (via Zoom)  
Carolyn Buckingham (via Zoom)  
Connie Mutel (via phone)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director  
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager  
Wade Schultz, Operations Supt.  
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Ed. Supt. (via Zoom)  
Marci Trana, Education Specialist (via Zoom)

OTHER:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney (via Zoom)

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of November 17, 2020. Second by Carolyn Buckingham, with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$33,648.58, department 40 in the amount of \$2,782.51, department 82 in the amount of \$261,588.02, department 83 in the amount of \$26,576.29, and department 85 in the amount of \$27,999.32. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

No Discussion

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, newly appointed JCCB member (via Zoom)

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Property located along Kansas Ave in SW Johnson County – Ed Williams

Ed Williams talked about the history of his family's property.

2. Discussion – Welcome Marci Trana, new Education Specialist with JCCB

Discussion only.

3. Discussion/Action – Naming of the north shop near Sutliff.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion – Planning services agreement for development of a marketing plan.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the agreement for development of a marketing plan. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Review of bids, select a contractor and approve a contract for removal of Emerald Ash Borer infested ash trees at Kent Park.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to enter into an agreement with Miller Logging for removal of the Emerald Ash Borer trees as described in their bid proposal. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion/Action – Update to the 5 year capital plan.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve the update to the 5 year capital plan and submit it. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion/Action – Update on the derecho storm damage assessment and response activities.

Discussion only.

8. Discussion/Action – Project description template for acquisition of new properties.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to endorse the project description template as a guiding document for acquisition of new properties. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion - Recognition of Larry Wilson for 9 years of service on the JCCB.

Discussion only.

10. Discussion – Transmission mitigation response to the COVID 19 emergency declarations.

No discussion.

11. Motion was made by Larry Wilson at 7:52 pm to go into closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. 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 Bill Waldie with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Wilson, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to come back into open session at 8:56 pm. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

12. Discussion/Action – Relative to items discussed in closed session – if needed.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to authorize the Director to proceed with the acquisition of the property as discussed in closed session. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a majority vote. Bill Waldie abstained.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Budget Presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 1:30 pm – 4 pm. Administration Building Board Room (only 1 or 2 others can participate)  
Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – January 19, 2021 - Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 19th day of January, 2021.

Signature on File  
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File  
Larry Wilson, Secretary