

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Carolyn Buckingham, President (Zoom)
Bill Waldie, Vice President
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.

OTHER STAFF:

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

President Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of May 17, 2022 and the Special Meeting minutes of May 26, 2022. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$102,712.71, department 32 in the amount of \$2,849.95, department 40 in the amount of \$716.64, department 82 in the amount of \$1,477.72, department 83 in the amount of \$1,577.80, department 85 Sutliff Bridge/CRC Entry in the amount of \$6,580.43 and department 35 ARPA Fund for the FW Kent Park Shower House & Wastewater Project in the amount of \$14,360.00. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

John Reilly, Jim Tandy, John Tandy and Rachel Zimmerman-Smith introduced themselves.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Management of the Clear Creek Trail corridor where grazing is occurring west of Copi Road.

It was the consensus of the board to have the County Attorney's office work on a draft agreement.

2. Discussion/Action – ICCS Fall Conference in Dubuque, September 13-15, 2022.

Discussion only.

3. 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.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the draft language for the resolution. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Strategy to rebid the Kent Park Shower House and Wastewater System Project and consideration of authorization to set date for public hearing.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to proceed with rebidding the project with an extended completion date and to enter into an agreement with Shive-Hattery to update the plan sets accordingly. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Review of the playground audit for playgrounds at Kent Park and Hills Access.

Discussion only.

6. Discussion/Action – Authorization to work with Pace Property Management in preparing the residence at the Two Horse Farm for use as a retreat or “cabin rental” for public use.

It was the consensus of the board to proceed by working with Pace Property Mgmt. and have the Director began development of an agreement with Pace to manage the residence similar to a cabin rental for park visitors.

7. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:32 pm to go into closed session per 21.5(1)(i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a roll call vote as follows: Mutel, aye; Zdrazil, aye; Waldie, aye; Buckingham, aye.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Director's final evaluation score for FY22. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

8. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 8:24 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 Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Buckingham, aye; Waldie, aye; Zdrazil, aye; Mutel, aye.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to come out of closed session at 8:38 pm. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 5:30 pm – Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 19th day of July, 2022.

Signature on File

Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary