

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Emily Walker, Office Asst.
Wade Schultz, Operations Supt.
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Ed. Supt. (via Zoom)

OTHER STAFF:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney (via Zoom)

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of October 20, 2020. Second by Bill Waldie, with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve department 24 bills from 11/12/2020 in the amount of \$55.21, department 24 bills in the amount of \$25,456.95, department 32 bills in the amount of \$750.00, department 40 in the amount of \$5,191.71, department 82 in the amount of \$15,014.00, department 83 in the amount of \$74,035.06, and department 85 in the amount of \$105,397.04. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Tom Hazelton of Iowa County Conservation System was present to honor Larry Wilson, for serving 6 years on the ICCS Executive Board.
Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, a community member, and Karen Key of Oxford, introduced themselves via conference call.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Iowa County Conservation System (ICCS) Presentation by Tom Hazelton.

Discussion only.

The Board took a recess from 6:16 pm – 6:23 for taking a picture of the departments Isaak Walton League Habitat Award.

2. Discussion/Action – Selection of a strategy for moving forward with design and installation of solar arrays at Kent Park and Pechman Creek Delta.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to contract with a qualified firm for the installation of the solar arrays project. Second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Review of bids, select a contractor and approve a contract for debris removal from the derecho storm event.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to accept the bid from Bill Miller Logging for debris removal. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Agreement with the IDNR for a REAP grant to acquire the Malinda Reif Reilly Fen and Prairie.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to accept the Agreement with the IDNR for a REAP grant to acquire the Malinda Reif Reilly Fen and Prairie. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Review of the Request for Bids proposal for removal of infected ash trees at Kent Park.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to advertise the request for bids for removal of infected ash trees at Kent Park. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion – Review of a proposal to develop a marketing plan for the JCCB.

Discussion only.

7. Discussion – Development of mission statements for acquisition of new properties.

Discussion only.

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

Discussion only.

9. Motion was made by Bill Waldie at 7:58 pm in 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 Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Buckingham, aye; Wilson, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to come back into open session at 8:37 pm. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

10. Discussion/Action – Review of the FY22 budget proposal.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie moved to approve budget presented by Director. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – December 15, 2020, Conservation Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 15th day of December, 2020

Signature on File
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File
Larry Wilson, Secretary