

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2023

Board Members:

Carolyn Buckingham, President (ZOOM)
Bill Waldie, Vice President
Connie Mutel
Gene Zdrazil

Staff Members:

Larry Gullet, Director
Dave Gustafson, Asst. Op. Supt.
Brad Freidhof, Cons. Prgm. Mgr.
Dory Kjosa, Office Manager
Charles Bray, Park Ranger
Wade Schultz, Op. Supt.

Other Staff:

Ryan Maas, Asst. County Attorney
Lisa Green-Douglass, Board of Supervisors

Public:

No public present.

President Carolyn Buckingham 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 January 17, 2023. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

Bills:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$26,894.39, department 40 in the amount of \$479.09, department 82 in the amount of \$34,179.45, department 83 in the amount of \$85,132.55. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

No discussion by public.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Resolution to petition the Board of Supervisors to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$274,999.00 for eligible conservation purposes including property acquisition and trail maintenance.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the resolution to petition the Board of Supervisors to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$274,999.00 for eligible conservation purposes. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a roll call vote as follows: Buckingham, aye; Mutel, aye; Zdrazil, aye; Waldie, aye. Winslow-Garvin was absent.

2. Discussion Action – Review plans and specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the campground shower house project and set a date and time for a public hearing.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the plans and specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the campground shower house project and to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Betty Sass Room, Johnson County Administration Building. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – License agreement with Iowa Interstate Railroad for providing access and restoration practices for a bridge replacement project over Buffalo Creek.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the license agreement with Iowa Interstate Railroad for the bridge replacement project over Buffalo Creek. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Partnership letter for participating in a North American Wetlands and Conservation Act (NAWCA) project in Jones County.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to give permission to Jones County to use the Phebe Timber donated by the Williams Family to be used for a NAWCA proposal. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – Authorization to administer the Kent Park deer herd maintenance hunt for the 2023-24 season.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Kent Park staff to work with the State of Iowa DNR to administer the Kent Park annual deer hunt. Second by Connie Mutel with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion/Action - 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.

No Closed Session held.

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

Announcements/Correspondence:

Public Hearing – February 28, 2023, 5:30 pm, Betty Sass Room – Kent Park Shower House Project

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, 5:30 pm – Johnson County Administration Bldg., Betty Sass Room, Iowa City.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 21st day of March, 2023.

Signature on File

Carolyn Buckingham, President

Signature on File

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin, Secretary