



Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, October, 10th at 5:30 PM

Benton County Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Dr, Vinton

Members present: Becky Van Wey, Mike La Grange, Randy Scheel, Supervisor Liaison Tracy Seeman, Dan Hill joined meeting via phone at 5:55pm.

Staff present: Camryn Grubic, Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams

Call to order: 5:33

Guests or public participation: None

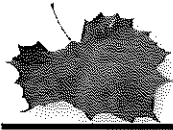
Consent Agenda (previous minutes, expenditures, revenues): Motion to approve by Scheel, seconded by Van Wey. All aye, motion passed.

Old business

- a. **City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse Area:** Williams shared email from City of Atkins request to remove brush pile. Conservation doesn't have a FEMA account for debris pile.
- b. **Hannen Lake Shop:** Supervisor meeting tomorrow on 10/11/22 for budget hearing. Budget will reflect funding for capital improvements after supervisor approval.
- c. **Wildcat Recreation Development:** The shop addition is completed; some bills will still be rolling in for electrical and heating and cooling, Wi-Fi options were discussed. Discussion on potential purchase, adjoining land and how many acres are needed around the Ranger residence and a potential high-water access for house and park. Williams will be following up with appropriate parties to further discussions.
- d. **One-acre parcels:** No update.

Organizations

- a. **Foundation:** Chair-person is Dale Henry, next meeting is Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 7:00pm.
- b. **OCNT Committee:** Next meeting in spring of 2023. The insurance check was received for inspection and work completed after incident on the Garrison Bridge.
- c. **Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers:** MOU just reviewed and new formatting, no changes. Disc Golf Volunteers will be at next meeting.
- d. **TriCounty Snowmobile Association:** Changes suggested for snowmobile access to the Winegar property and lessen the occurrence of snowmobile and equestrian run-ins.
- e. **Winegar Equestrian Volunteers:** No significant changes to MOU, hoping to create a new contact group for them.



Environmental Education: IAN coming up, programming is filling up for all of fall, various public classes as well.

Law Enforcement: Discussed the body camera updates for pricing.

Motion made by Scheel to approve pricing on body cams for all rangers, seconded by Van Wey. All ayes, motion passed.

BCCB Properties: VFW Donated for the Hoefle-Dulin opening, Chili Cook-off and fundraising updates, Rodgers Park event Fall Family Fest is this weekend. Discussed the future of some properties and future grant applications for properties.

Budget: Possibly working towards budgeting for a new employee for conservation staff, collecting data of park user's vs revenue generated in county

Director Updates: Employee reviews will be next Monday. Submitted for reimbursement on fish habitat grant, waiting for inspection. Received a few bids on truck for North Unit Ranger, two potential options one is available in early November and no guarantee on the other for timeline. Budget hearing tomorrow with supervisors.

Van Wey moved to approve purchase the truck from Ervin's pending budget hearing with Supervisors on 10/11/22, seconded by Scheel. All ayes, motion carried.

Set next regular meeting: Monday, November 14 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:33pm by Scheel, seconded by Van Wey. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by: Zach Parmater



Approved



Date