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Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023; 3:00 pm at Louisa County Complex.

Board Present: Josh Hardin, Elizabeth Kling, Joellen Schantz, and Brad Quigley.

Staff Present: Lana Artz-McComb, Dani Boysen, Noah Robb, and Jacob Ewart (via zoom).

Public Present: Jim Rudisill (press), Randy Schlutz, Jeff Snyder (via zoom)

Meeting Called to Order: at 3:02 pm by Hardin.

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Kling to approve the agenda, second by Brad Quigley. Motion passed with all ayes.

Audience Consideration: None

Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Schantz to approve the consent agenda including \$6,253.70 in general basic claims. A deposit of \$14,213.95 was made to Revenue. This included revenue from the online account. Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2023, were included. Second by Kling. Motion passed with all ayes.

Interim Director update: Artz-McComb provided information regarding undergoing an easement associated with environmental mitigation work. She will reach out to Michael Heller with Foth Infrastructure and Environment to come do a presentation at a future meeting. Artz-McComb also updated on the upcoming Toolesboro site management project with Drake University.

Maintenance Update: Robb reported that they were finished winterizing the parks. They removed the old observation deck at Chinkapin Bluffs, split wood to be used out at Langwood, replaced metal on the lean-to at the shop, and repaired equipment. The maintenance staff also removed small trees and invasives in the areas where the food plots will be planted.

Budget Discussion: Boysen and Artz-McComb went over each line item in the budget with the board to determine if there were any changes needed. Updates need to be made before approving the budget. Part of the discussion was to purchase a cell phone for park patrol and Artz-McComb presented the cost. Schantz motioned to purchase the phone in this fiscal year's budget due to the very affordable rate. Kling was the second. Motion passed unanimously. Grant opportunities were discussed to help with projects the board would like to accomplish. A shelter at Eden park and an educational observation deck were discussed.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the Louisa County Complex and via Zoom.

Adjournment: Brad Quigley motioned to set the meeting and adjourn. Second by Kling. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved

*Chair – Hardin Vice-chair – Elizabeth Kling
Secretary/Treasurer – Joellen Schantz*

*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:
According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, "At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote."