

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at the Conservation Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ron Bitting, Conservation Board member.

Board Members present:

Ron Bitting
Joyce Kruse
George Crawford

Board Members absent:

Charles Spencer
Tom Johnson

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Glenda Priebe

Visitors in attendance was Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisors.
No correspondence received that required Board's attention.

July agenda was approved unanimously.

MINUTES: The Minutes of June 11, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Claims from the 2nd bill day of June and mid-month claims of July were presented for payment approval with staff providing expenditure expenditures.

CLAIMS: A motion was entered by Crawford to accept and approve all claims for payment as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion included fiscal year end budget status, electrical upgrade at Pioneer Park, request for easement for electrical at Pierce Creek equestrian area, public hearing/bids for land sale and equipment needs.

The electrical upgrade to 50 amp service at Pioneer Park has been completed and notice of rate increase has been posted.

An agreement between MidAmerican Energy and PCCB for the electrical installation of a transformer, meter, etc. will be returned along with the fee of \$14,001.25 so work can

begin. MidAmerican Energy has indicated they will need an easement, Bitting indicated that he will take care of that.

Equipment break down and needs were discussed.

Jon Herzberg indicated that the Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing for the sale of land adjacent to Tillman ground. Bids open on July 9 and close on July 23, 2013 at 4 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn; second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Acting

Chair



Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Conservation Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Charles Spencer at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members present:

George Crawford
Tom Johnson
Joyce Kruse
Charles Spencer

Board Members absent:

Ron Bitting

Staff present:

Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Tom Berrier

Visitors in attendance included Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisors
Linda Cruickshank and Jon Lorson from Tri-Valley Bank

The meeting was set aside to allow Tri-Valley Bank representatives to discuss with those present their proposal and educational objective. They are proposing a competition geared towards high school students on submitting a business plan on a fictitious marketing angle. (See attachment). Ms. Cruickshank and Mr. Lorson would like to see 7 schools (7 presentations) competing. They would like the Conservation Board to participate by talking with the students about how the Board markets themselves as a county entity and also judging the competition.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to encourage the Board's participation with Tri-Valley Bank's objective with area schools, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. There is no expectation of funds from the PCCB.

The meeting then resumed back to board business.

The August agenda was approved unanimously.

No correspondence was received that required the Board's attention.

MINUTES: The Minutes of July 9, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to approve the minutes as submitted, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Claims from 2nd bill day of July and mid-month of August were presented for payment approval with staff providing expenditure explanations.

CLAIMS: A motion was entered by Crawford to approve the claims as presented, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Items for discussion included park updates, Tillman's land sale, equipment needs, and SWINT trail extension.

Camping pads at the equestrian campground are completed using "recycled" gravel.

Rapp Park will have another memorial bench and trees donated in memory of Harley Taylor. Jeannie Liljedahl and Pat Tillman have donated monies towards a shelter house for Ernest Liljedahl. There was some discussion on the contract with FSA. Spencer mentioned getting some rip rap for a trail at Rapp. SWINT is working on a trail extension and may need to haul rip rap in. Herzberg brought up the bridges on Avenue A with culvert and tube work.

Crawford gave an update on the prairie grasses at Ross Park. The SW IA Bow hunters Club have appreciated the mowing being done at the park.

Kruse informed the group that \$2,000 have been donated from the Sidney Saddle Club for match to the Iowa West Fdt grant.

Pioneer Park has a fishing jetty installed and it has seen some usage already.

Equipment needs were discussed at length; in particular mowers. Joyce asked about the \$25,000 from the Trace to be used towards equipment purchase; Jon indicated that he thinks we should get it back thru an amendment but that it will be decided by the auditor.

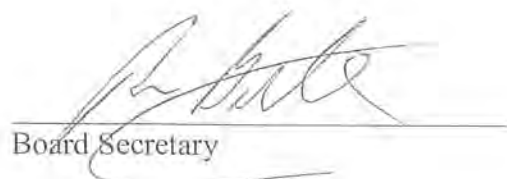
Staff member Berrier mentioned that the dump truck will need 6 tires and the cost will be around \$2,000.

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn; second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Joyce Kruse
Ron Bitting
Tom Johnson
Charles Spencer

Board Members absent:

George Crawford

Staff present:

Charly Stevens
Rich Wallace
Terry Broyles
Glenda Priebe

Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisors

No correspondence received that needed Board's attention.

The September agenda was approved unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 13, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2013, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill of August and mid-month of September were presented for approval and staff provided expenditure explanations.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion included dust abatement request, electrical upgrade estimate and park updates.

Don Kocis has requested dust abatement on A Avenue due to increased traffic at Pierce Creek with the development of the equestrian campground and regular campground. It was consensus of the board not to finance the dust abatement request; they did not want to set a precedent for dust issues with neighbors near other county parks.

Wallace has obtained estimates for the proposed electrical upgrade at Nodaway Valley Park to 50 amps. Estimates were reviewed; a motion was entered by Bitting to allow Clarinda Heating and Cooling to proceed with the electrical upgrade at NVP for \$20,000, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Pierce Creek update on the electrical upgrade at the equestrian campground was provided by Kruse. The transformer was installed by MidAmerican Energy at the cost of \$14,001.25 financed thru the Iowa West Grant. She went thru the match monies she has received to date.

No updates for Ross Park.

Staff has been developing a fishing jetty at Pioneer Park utilizing rip rap that has been donated.

Rapp Park needs more trees; donations have been made in memory of Harley Taylor for trees.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to adjourn, second by Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Board's office, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Joyce Kruse
Tom Johnson
Ron Bitting
George Crawford
Charles Spencer

Staff present:

Charly Stevens
Tom Berrier

Also present was Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisor
Absent was Rich Wallace, Park Officer

The October agenda was approved unanimously.

Correspondence was received from Iowa West Foundation declining the funding of the mammoth sculpture at Rapp Park. The Board was also informed of an upcoming tree pruning workshop to be held at the Conservation Center/Nodaway Valley Park on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

MINUTES: The Minutes of September 10, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2013, second by Crawford. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the second bill day of September and mid-month October were presented for approval, with staff providing expenditure explanations.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Crawford. Motion carried.

Discussion included Tri-Valley Bank and area school business plan competition, park updates and equipment concerns.

The agenda has been finalized in regard to the Tri-Valley Bank business plan competition between area schools that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Spencer and Johnson volunteered to attend and visit with the students and discuss the county conservation system and how it benefits Page County.

Park updates were then given:

Pioneer Park – the electrical upgrade was completed prior to the July 4th holiday and the fishing jetty is completed as well.

Pierce Creek – Kruse provided a report on the status of the Iowa West Foundation grant towards the electrical installation. Electrical estimates have been obtained for 7 electrical sites. Kruse is hoping for the work to be done yet this fall. An extension was requested to the Iowa West Foundation for 2014 and it was granted to allow the additional \$3,000.00 (from the BOS) to be utilized as part of the matching funds. Staff person Glenda requested that some thought be put into seeking a grant or some other funding to allow installation of electricity or solar lights for the shelter at the Pierce Creek. Kruse offered to check into some funding avenues.

Ross Park – Crawford relayed that he was disappointed in the stand of native grasses on the PF ground and suggested a burn next spring and some interseeding of native grasses.

Nodaway Valley Park – The electrical upgrade to be completed by Clarinda Heating and Cooling will start as soon as the camping season winds down.

Rapp Park – Spencer would like to plan the construction of 1 to 2 shelter houses next year at Rapp Park. The memorial bench for Harley Taylor has arrived and placement of the bench will be discussed with the family. \$1,000 has been received for a memorial bench for Carl & Bea Hale. Staff member also mentioned about installation of a light at Rapp Park, Spencer would like to have it done this fall if possible.

Conservation Center – Stevens informed the group that the septic system is in need of replacement. The second tank has been fractured; the original installation of the 2nd tank was in 1996. The costs to repair is approximately \$ 2,500.00+/-

Equipment repairs were discussed, the dump truck is having considerable issues. A motion was entered by Bitting, to allow the dump truck to be repaired, upon suggestion from Spencer, at a shop in Red Oak, second by Crawford. Motion carried. A short discussion on equipment loan from Secondary Roads was held; Berrier will talk to the Engineer regarding this.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford, second by Bitting. Motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at the Board's office, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Charles Spencer
Joyce Kruse
George Crawford
Tom Johnson

Board Members absent:

Ron Bitting

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Terry Broyles
Glenda Priebe

Visitors in attendance included Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisor, JD King, Page County Engineer and Matt Dollison, Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist.

No correspondence received that required Board's attention.

November agenda was approved unanimously.

The meeting was set aside to allow for the visitors portion and introductions were made between Board, staff and visitors. JD King, Page County Engineer, gave some background information on himself and how he previously worked with county conservation boards. Spencer discussed the river access on A Avenue and the plans that the conservation board would like to develop a river access and what abilities/limits of construction assistance would be available from the Engineer's office. The bridge replacement was also mentioned.

Matt Dollison, DNR Wildlife Biologist from Sidney, introduced himself and gave an update on CWD and the DNR will continue to sample 1 ½ + year old bucks for the disease, also updated those present about EHD and other diseases that have affected the deer population. He provided information on the Habitat Access Program and the lack of public hunting ground in Southwest Iowa, pointed out a property outside of Coin that in the program. He summarized the DNR's need for land acquisition and detailed partnering opportunities with DNR and CCB's to purchase and/or manage. The Conservation Board had no opposition and is interested in working with the DNR on land acquisition but made it clear that there are no monies for land acquisition. Mr. Dollison relayed that he would research grant applications and cost share opportunities and get with the Board.

The meeting was then redirected back to Board business.

MINUTES: The Minutes of October 8, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2013, second by Crawford. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of October and mid-month of November were presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion items included Tri-Valley Bank school competition, electrical bids for Pierce Creek and park updates.

Spencer, Johnson and Stevens attended the opening day of the business plan competition with local high schools and Tri-Valley Bank. Fremont and Page County Conservation representatives talked with the students.

Electrical bids were then presented for review. Plans call for 7 electrical sites at the equestrian campground. Bids received were as follows for 50 amp service:

Phillips Family Electric - \$25,706.96

Clarinda Heating - \$20,000.00

Randolph Plumbing - \$15,442.17

After a review of the bids, a motion was entered by Johnson to proceed with the Randolph Plumbing bid of \$15,442.17, second by Crawford. All in favor and motion carried. Discussion also involved electrical extension into the bathrooms and shelter house. Joyce had also gotten some prices on the solar powered units for the shelter.

Ross Park – Crawford relayed that there was a PF mentored youth hunt at Ross Park with 4-5 youth participating.

Rapp Park – Spencer relayed that he had received \$100 from Derry Wolford which will be matched by Pella Corp. Spencer was contacted by Tess Gruber, Chair for Page/Fremont County Relay for Life (letter attached in file) with a request to have a polar plunge next March at Rapp Park. They would provide insurance, lifeguard, etc. A motion was entered by Crawford to let the Relay for Life committee proceed with the Polar Plunge pending proof of insurance coverage, second by Johnson. All in favor and carried. Rich and Charly will check with ICAP/Nordland Insurance to be sure that all recommendations will be covered in regard to the insurance coverage. Installation of a night light was discussed; Rich will proceed with that project. Speed bumps were also mentioned but it was passed on.

No further business to come before the board, the meeting then moved to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Board's office, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Spencer
Crawford
Kruse
Johnson
Bitting

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Broyles

No visitors present.

December agenda was approved unanimously.

Old Business – a letter was sent to Tess Gruber in regard to the county's stand on the Relay for Life event to be held at Rapp Park next March. She was advised to obtain a certificate of liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement adding PCCB and Page County as additional insured parties. The hold harmless agreement is pending approval from the Page County Attorney.

MINUTES: The Minutes of November 12, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2013, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of November and mid-month claims for December were presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion items included park updates, equipment needs, meeting time change, and budget work.

Park updates were then given, no updates for Pioneer Park and Nodaway Valley Park. As indicated at the November meeting; Matt Dollison, DNR will be in contact with Crawford in regard to the plantings at Ross Park sometime next spring. Pierce Creek's electrical development to the equestrian campground has been completed, waiting on MidAmerican Energy for the meter. Spencer brought the board and staff up to date on

development projects he has in mind for Rapp Park. He has obtained a grant for \$2,500 from the Kay Anderson Foundation to use towards building a shelter house. Discussion centered on size of shelter house and concrete pad. It was determined that 20x30 would be a good size. He would like to have two shelter houses if feasible. Crawford mentioned that Morton Building has grants available; Johnson will contact someone from Morton Building and get some estimates. The mammoth sculpture is almost ready for placement pending construction of a concrete pad for the mammoth to be placed upon.

Equipment needs were then discussed, Wallace had a vehicle status report that he shared with the Board; the equipment in need of consideration are the mowers. Wallace and Broyles have talked to dealers and Wallace proposed to the Board about a lease option of \$5,000/year and the dealer takes care of the maintenance. Bitting suggested buying one mower and leasing one mower. Wallace was instructed to get bids from dealers and bring back to the Board.

Crawford suggested to the Board about changing the meeting time during the winter hours from 7:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Board members were in consensus of the meeting time change effective with the January 10th meeting.

Budget work for fiscal 2014-15 then began. An amendment for Rapp Park and Pierce Creek and REAP was also briefly discussed.

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting then adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Board's office, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Bitting
Johnson
Kruse
Spencer
Crawford

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Broyles
Priebe

Visitors present – Jon Herzberg, Board of Supervisor and Lannie Baum, Morton Buildings

No correspondence received that needed Board attention.

January agenda was approved unanimously.

Old Business included the Tri-Valley Bank business competition that is scheduled for January 22 at the May Center, Shenandoah Senior High. This is the final part of the competition and judges are needed. Information about the scoring is included in the board packets.

MINUTES: The Minutes of December 10, 2013 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2013, second by Kruse. All in favor and carried.

The meeting was set aside to allow Lannie Baum, representative from Morton Buildings to talk with the board and staff on recreational buildings that his company could offer. He showed several brochures. Size of shelter (20x30 on concrete pad) - (24x36 Morton Building size) and differences of wood laminated vs concrete columns, warranty time frame and costs were discussed. Purchase price included assembly of shelter. No action was taken.

Meeting was then redirected back to the board agenda.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of December and mid-month claims for January were presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Park updates were then given. Wallace informed the board that a portion of the road at Pioneer Park needs to be resurfaced. The road in the campground at Pierce Creek is also in dire need of resurfacing, he has talked with JK King about including it in the secondary road timeframe if they're working on road projects in the vicinity. Wallace was also contacted by the owner of the Essex Golf Course in regard to an emergency pumping request to obtain and draw water out of Pierce Creek Lake. The owner was considering a purchase of a pumper truck if he had a water source. Upon discussion, Wallace was directed to inform the Essex Golf Course to explore other alternatives of obtaining water; the Board does not want to set a precedent and a fear of low water levels.

Rapp Park and security lights were reviewed with preliminary estimates from Clarinda Heating for \$2,000 and Randolph Excavation for \$3,115, discussion on security lights was then tabled, pending an additional estimate for installation of pole, wiring and light. Additional handicapped accessible spots with handrails were reviewed for better visibility of the water and wildlife.

Discussion ensued about opening Pierce Creek shooting range to include those with carry permits with a sign-in area and a means to collect donations for range use. Bitting expressed his approval while Kruse objected; no other board members provided comments. The alternate range at Pierce Creek in the public hunting area would then be closed. Crawford suggested the item be tabled for further discussion.

Discussion on budget, reserve monies, and line items were reviewed. Budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16 @ 11 a.m.

Meeting time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. beginning February.

No other business to come before the Board, a motion was entered by Bitting to adjourn, second by Crawford. All in favor and motion carried.

APPROVED:


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Board's office, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

George Crawford
Ron Bitting
Charles Spencer
Tom Johnson
Joyce Kruse

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Berrier
Broyles
Priebe

Visitors present – Jon Herzberg and Jim Richardson, Board of Supervisors and Friends of Pierce Creek Equestrian group (sign in sheet attached in minute book).

MINUTES: The Minutes of January 14, 2014 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2014, second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

The meeting was then opened to the "Friends of Pierce Creek Equestrian group." An article was read that appeared in the Shenandoah Valley News in regard to a proposed shooting range in Shenandoah and possible extended use of the range at Pierce Creek. Kruse reviewed some of the uses of the park and the concerns about the range. Input from members of the group as it relates to the gun range included the following comments:

- Concerns with the gun range proposal
- Not to oppose – just asking questions/wanting clarifications
- Needs to be a compromise between shooters/equestrian use
- Equestrian group doesn't want it to be open to public use/unsupervised use
- Gun range is hidden and many park users aren't aware it's there
- Not compatible with opening range for public access – concerned about supervision/safety of the range
- Regulation of gun range/making it more secure
- Concerned about all of the use other than law enforcement/hunter safety education
- Sounds of gunfire/safety/public hunting area
- Want the range regulated and controlled access
- Questions as to how the range will expand
- They don't want it expanded for public use – not enough room

- Move the range
- Questions on county liability
- Gun range activities put horse riders in danger not vice versa
- Gun range too close for horse riding

Conservation Board's comments then followed

- All park users have to co-exist – it is a multi-use park
- A trail already has been moved to address the safety issue and the fencing was expanded
- The Economic Development group is looking for sites, no site has been chosen to date, and Pierce Creek isn't big enough for what the article stated they would like to have available for multi-use range components.
- The Conservation Board has not been approached by the steering committee in any aspect
- The Conservation Board will have to discuss the concerns and what can be done to make the range safer
- The Conservation Board is appreciative of the cooperation from the equestrian group
- The Conservation Board has an interest in the development of the steering committee's (Economic Dev.) goals/plans and wants to keep informed and how it may impact our county parks
- The equestrian development projects at Pierce Creek has been completed with grants, donations and contributions of in-kind labor and materials which the Conservation Board appreciates but the Conservation Board has to budget monies to upgrade the other county facilities under our management as well

The public portion of the meeting was then closed and redirected to regular board business.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of January and mid- month of February were presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting, to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Mower bids were then presented for review and discussion. Bids from Barker Implement (John Deere) - \$19,155.00 and Old Hwy 6 Tractor and Equipment, Inc. (Kubota) - \$19,500.00. Questions were asked about trade-in to offset purchase costs, Wallace stated that no trade in was considered because we need to keep a backup mower for trails at NVP and a mower on standby if one of the other pieces of equipment should be in the shop. Questions was asked about payment; this purchase will be paid from REAP monies and if necessary partial monies from the Conservation Reserve fund.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson to accept the low bid of \$19,155.00 from Barker Implement (John Deere) and purchase the mower, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Park updates were then given. Kruse mentioned that plans are to have a shelter installed at Pierce Creek in the spring with larger support poles. She also mentioned some in-kind labor/equipment donations.

At Rapp Park a discussion on installing a shelter house was re-visited. We have a bid from Morton Buildings and monies, once amended, to build two shelter houses. Rich will contact Lannie Baum, Morton Building representative, and work on location sites for the shelter houses. A discussion and drawing for installing a hard surfaced walkway with handrails from a handicapped parking area for access to a wildlife viewing area west of the campground has been requested. Nursing home facilities take their residents to Rapp Area and providing a handicapped accessible walkway so they can view the waterfowl would provide another means of usage for mobility restricted park users. Spencer indicated that he will be seeking out grant opportunities and donations for this addition. Wallace will contact a masonry contractor. Spencer also has talked with a MidAmerican Energy representative about the costs to set a pad and pole for a security light.

Crawford indicated that he had been visiting with the SW IA Bow hunters Club but there are no new developments at Ross Park.

No further business to discuss meeting then moved to adjournment. A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion passed.

APPROVED:


Chair


Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the Page room, Courthouse in Clarinda. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Ron Bitting
Tom Johnson
Charles Spencer
Joyce Kruse

Board Member absent:

George Crawford

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Berrier
Priche

Visitors present included Lanny Baum, Morton Buildings and Friends of Pierce Creek Equestrian group and others (see listing on file in minute book).

Rules of the meeting were established with a 3 minute per person time frame.

On a motion by Bitting, seconded by Johnson, the board unanimously approved the agenda for March 11, 2014.

The public comment period was then opened to the floor. Approximately 17 persons commented about the gun range and equestrian usage at Pierce Creek as it relates to safety issues.

Board comments were then heard from Spencer, Bitting and Kruse. Johnson made the recommendation that the discussion be tabled until at such a time that the Board would do an on-site visit to Pierce Creek to analyze and the discuss the concerns as they relate to the gun range and equestrian area.

The public portion of the meeting was then closed. The board meeting was then re-directed to regular board agenda.

MINUTES: The Minutes of February 11, 2014 were then read.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2014, seconded by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the second bill day of February and mid-month March claims were presented for approval with expenditure explanation if needed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to approve said claims, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion items included shelter houses, mammoth sculpture, handicapped viewing area at Rapp Park and other park updates.

Lanny Baum, Morton Buildings, revisited with the Board about the shelter houses. Since Morton Buildings was the only bid received and under the \$25,000 county policy bidding requirements, the consensus was to proceed with the construction of three shelter houses at a total cost of \$23,321 (minus the cost of concrete). Mr. Baum indicated once payment arrangements have been set, construction would begin within a 6 week time frame. Spencer reiterated that the 3rd shelter house would be paid from other sources. Locations of the shelter houses will be worked out with a site visit between Wallace and Baum. **MOTION:** Johnson entered a motion to proceed with the construction of the shelter houses, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

The handicapped viewing area was also revisited with the bulk of the work also being done thru donations.

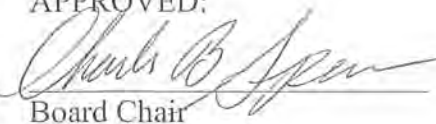
The mammoth sculpture to be placed at Rapp Park is being handled with most of the donations coming from the Omaha area. Bill Annan has indicated his willingness to donate labor and equipment to assist with the project. Spencer mentioned that there will be an educational component available (i.e. informational display boards).

During the public comment portion of the meeting, reference was made in regard to signage honoring the Nelson family's contribution to Pierce Creek. Contact will be made with the family to get the correct spelling and desired language for the signage and Wallace will take care of it with re-placement at the campground.

No further business to discuss, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to adjourn, seconded by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried.

APPROVED:


Board Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the Page Room of the Page County Courthouse in Clarinda. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Tom Johnson
Ron Bitting
Joyce Kruse
Charles Spencer
George Crawford

Staff present:

Rich Wallace
Charly Stevens
Glenda Priebe
Terry Broyles

Visitors included equestrian users (see listing on file in Minute book).

MOTION: A motion by Crawford, second by Bitting, the board unanimously approved the agenda for April 8, 2014.

Rules of the meeting were established with a 3 minute per person time frame.

The public comment period was then opened to the floor. Comments centered on the gun range and equestrian usage at Pierce Creek as it relates to safety issues.

Questions arose as to the gun range relocation, safety measures to be taken at the current range location, time frame, and scheduling of activities at the gun range.

Spencer relayed that PCCB staff has made contact with other counties on their gun range protocol. Material has been received from several counties, the material will be reviewed before any further discussion and action can be taken.

Crawford discussed concerns that users have about public hunting areas which many CCB's have under their control and that is a part of the Conservation Board's mission and function to provide multi-use areas.

Johnson reiterated some of the concerns about the gun range and the public hunting area and he proposed the adoption of a policy. **MOTION:** A motion was entered by Johnson to move the gun range to the extreme NE corner of Pierce Creek Recreation Area and no horses will be allowed in that area, second by Bitting. Spencer cast a nay vote. All in favor and motion carried. Estimated costs were discussed; setting of gun range policy will be discussed at future board meeting. The relocation of the gun range

will only occur once funds are available. Funds were contributed following this motion that totaled \$675.00

The public portion of the board meeting was then closed. The board meeting was then re-directed to the regular board agenda.

MINUTES: The Minutes of March 11, 2014 were then read.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson, to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2014, second by Crawford. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of March and mid-month of April were presented for approval with expenditure explanation provided.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to approve said claims, second by Crawford. All in favor and motion carried.

New business included camping fees at Pierce Creek equestrian area, discuss regulation changes, and park updates.

Kruse reviewed with the group and board the current camping fees. Her proposal is to raise the rates in the equestrian area to cover manure removal. Electrical rates are currently at \$15.00 with a proposed increase to \$16.00 or \$17.00. Primitive rates are at \$10.00 with a proposed increase to \$11.00 or \$12.00. Kruse also suggested designating the campground for equestrian use only. Spencer indicated the campground hasn't been designated as equestrian use only. Kruse entered a motion to change discussion on the camping fees to campground designation, the board was in consensus to change the direction of discussion on camping rates to discussion on equestrian only campground.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Kruse to designate 7 electrical sites for equestrian use only, Bitting second. Crawford, Johnson and Spencer had nay votes. The discussion was tabled until further research has been conducted on regulations between equestrian and non-equestrian use.

Park updates were then given. No new projects scheduled for Pioneer Park other than normal maintenance. At Ross Park, Crawford indicated that the Archery Club is keeping the trails mowed. At Nodaway Valley Park no new projects are scheduled other than normal maintenance. Construction of three shelter houses at Rapp Park are scheduled to begin early in May with the understanding that two of the shelter houses are being built through donated monies. Spencer also talked about the handicapped viewing area that will also be developed with donated monies. He also mentioned about the mammoth sculpture which he detailed will be in 6 pieces that will be welded onsite on a cement pad, the concrete has been donated. Kruse mentioned that the Saddle Club will be having a workday/mother's day ride at Pierce Creek.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Kruse to adjourn, second by Johnson. All in favor and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED:


Board Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in the Page Room of the Courthouse, Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Spencer
Crawford
Johnson
Bitting
Kruse

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Priebe
Berrier
Broyles

A motion to approve the agenda for May was approved unanimously.

Members of the public were present and had signed in. Rules of the meeting were then established with a 3 minute per person time frame.

The public comment period was then opened to the floor. Comments again centered on the safety and use of the gun range and safety and use of the public hunting area.

The meeting was redirected back to the board agenda.

MINUTES: The Minutes of April 8, 2014 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson, to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2014, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of April and mid-month of May were presented for approval.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Bitting to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion items on the agenda included shelter house construction, grant proposal, truck purchase, watershed inspection, and park updates.

Lannie Baum, Morton Building representative informed the Board that the shelter houses are up and should be completed by the weekend. The Board once again thanked Lannie for a job well done.

Kruse submitted to the Board a grant proposal for \$2,500 to the Hockenberry Foundation to assist with the development of the range. **MOTION:** Bitting made a motion to approve the grant proposal to Hockenberry Fdt. second by Johnson. All in favor and carried. It was suggested all other grants be reviewed by the Board before submitting.

Kruse brought back to the Board her original request to raise the rates at the horse campground; electrical rates currently at \$15 raise to \$16 or \$17.00 and primitive rates currently at \$10 to raise to \$11.00 or \$12.00. The rate increase would be to assist with manure removal. Kruse suggested having camping fees returned; as it stands we do not have camping fees returned as we budget for that revenue. A proposal to the Board of Supervisors will need to be submitted in regard to camping fees returned. The camping rate increase for the horse campground was again tabled until we have a full board in attendance. Kruse also brought to the Board her original request to have the campground designation for equestrian only campground, this was also tabled until we have a full board in attendance.

Rich submitted to the board a request to use Conservation Reserve monies to purchase a 2000 Chevy flatbed truck. The purchase price is \$9,100 from Select Motors. It has low miles. **MOTION:** A motion was entered by Bitting to allow Rich to proceed with the purchase of the 2000 Chevy truck from Select Motors, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Park updates were then given. No updates at Ross Park, although 3-D archery shoots will begin at end of May

Nodaway Valley Park – road work needs to be budgeted so it can be repaired.
Pierce Creek – road work in the north campground and electrical upgrade also needs to be budgeted for repair. The watershed inspection has been completed by the NRCS, with cooperation between CCB and Secondary Roads brush has cleared off the face of the dam. Trail work at Pierce Creek needs to be done if a skid steer can be rented.

Rapp Park – shelters will be completed. Concrete to be installed for the mammoth statue, Rich has been working with the County Engineer for stabilization techniques.

The shooting range will continue to be discussed including new range proposal, and development of a county ordinance. In the meantime to arrange for some control of the current gun range, **MOTION:** Bitting recommended locking the gate to the range and a combination lock. second by Johnson. All in favor and motion carried. Spencer opposed.

No further business to come before the board, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

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MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.


Chair


Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in the Page Room at the Courthouse in Clarinda, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Charles Spencer.

Board Members present:

Spencer
Crawford
Johnson
Bitting
Kruse

Staff present:

Wallace
Stevens
Berrier
Broyles
Priebe

A motion to approve the agenda for June was approved unanimously.

Members of the public were present and had signed in.

Public comment portion was opened to the floor. Comments centered on the gun range, unauthorized use, and development of an enforceable ordinance.

Spencer read the DNR's report on the inspection of the gun range and the gun range has been determined to be safe in its present condition.

Discussion centered on setting regulations for the current range. The Board needs to determine legal justification on who can use the range, scheduling, and to implement reasonable regulations that will transfer to the new range once it is developed.

The meeting was then redirected back to the board agenda.

MINUTES: The Minutes of May 13, 2014 were reviewed.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Johnson, to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2014, second by Bitting. All in favor and motion carried.

CLAIMS: Claims from the 2nd bill day of May and mind-month of June were presented for approval and payment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to accept and approve all claims as presented, second by Kruse. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion items included status of gun range and park updates.

Park updates were then given.

Nodaway Valley Park - 2 memorial trees have been donated and planted at the park. One is located near the west shelter and the 2nd one near the east shelter.

Rapp Park – concrete base has been completed for the mammoth sculpture. Susan Woodford estimated that she would have her portion done by June 22nd, installation is pending. The concrete work under the 2 of the new shelters has been completed. Spencer indicated that he had received a \$100 donation.

Pierce Creek – Kruse indicated that shelter construction would begin pending work crew and good weather.

Wallace relayed that roadside work in the parks were being completed along with trail maintenance.

Stevens relayed that the fishing derby was scheduled for June 7th but had to be postponed due to the weather until June 14th.

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting then moved to adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was entered by Crawford to adjourn, second by Johnson. All in favor and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:


Board Chair


Board Secretary