

Harrison County Conservation Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2020

The Harrison County Conservation Board (HCCB) held its regular August meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 at the Willow Lake Headquarters. President Ben McIntosh called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Those members present were Danelle Myer, Kris Pauley, and Kim Nunez. Also present were Supervisor Walter Utman, Operations Supervisor Mike Weis, Natural Resource Technician Thad Pothast, and Director Scott Nelson.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes, and Bills was made by Pauley, second by Nunez.

There were no Public Comments.

Nelson gave the following Updates:

1. Condolences to the Mark Shoemaker family. Mark is the Director for the Pottawattamie CCB. His wife, Sarah, passed away at age 52 from a long battle with cancer. Nelson will attend the funeral.
2. The Fall Conference in Story CCB has been postponed until 2021 due to the Corvid-19 Pandemic. Other postponements include Fall CCPOA (Ranger Training), District Meetings, and the Winterfest 2021 gathering.
3. Ponderosa Pine cabin is in the downward stretch for complement. Staff is finishing up the basement and will be available by Labor Day for reservations.
4. The Goodman Property has transferred to the HCCB. Staff has signed the boundaries and has been treating the invasive Tree of Heaven. Research is being done for potential names for the property.
5. Brian Baxter and his family began renting kayaks at Willow Lake. The initial weekend for renting was slow with hopes it picks up and people learn more about it.
6. The 2020 summer interns are beginning to end their employment.

Pothast gave the Summer Power Point presentation to the Board. This is a showcase of projects and activities that been worked on since December.

Nelson presented updated information provided by JEO Architects for the Willow Lake Nature Center project. The revised conceptional design incorporated portions of Plan A and Plan B, and also included a full, unfinished basement, stairwell, and elevator shaft. JEO's proposal to the HCCB is for Schematic Design, Design Development, and Construction Documents. The proposal is for \$289,000. The HCCB has the funding in place, and includes a Loess Hills Missouri River Region grant for \$44,000, a Gilcrest Grant for \$50,000 that need to be used before the end of the year, and funds from the Fund 68000, Nature Center fund, REAP, and Easement Monitoring Fund. Staff and Board would be very involved in the creation of these documents. Funds still need to be raised for the actual construction of the facility. After much discussion, a motion to accept the JEO Architect proposal was made by Pauley, second by Nunez. Motion carried unanimously. Nelson will sign the Agreement with JEO.

Department Reports were reviewed.

In Other Business, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th at Willow Lake. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the remainder of the 2020 Board meetings will be held at Willow Lake. Other potential topics will include the naming of the recently donated Goodman Property, and review of bids for a new department truck.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm was made by Pauley.

Ben McIntosh, President

Kris Pauley, Vice-President

Peter Ryerson, Secretary