

**Harrison County Conservation Board  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 8, 2024  
Conference Call**

The Harrison County Conservation Board (HCCB) held its regular January meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, via conference call due to a winter storm warning. President Ben McIntosh called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those members answering roll call were Danelle Myer, Kris Pauley, and Kimberly Nunez. Also on the call were Supervisor Tony Smith and Director Scott Nelson.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Nelson gave the following Updates:

- The Holiday Open House for the Willow Lake Nature Center went great – and thanks to everyone who helped.
- The HCCB was awarded the Fish Habitat Grant for vegetative management on Willow Lake.
- Nelson completed the Forest Reserve inspections.
- The HCCB was awarded \$75,000 from the King Family Foundation grant to partner in the acquisition of the Doidge Property!
- The new metal roof was installed on Scotch Pine cabin.
- Staff will be attending the Winterfest training later in January.

Nelson presented information on the purchase of a new mower for the department. Six (6) bids were solicited for a 72 inch, zero-turn mower, with Ty's Outdoor having the lowest bid for a Stihl Mower. After discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of a Stihl zero-turn, 72-inch mower from Ty's Outdoor for the price of \$16,949.00 was made by Myer, seconded by Pauley. Motion carried.

Nelson presented information concerning the disposal of the department's 2002 Kawasaki Mule UTV and 2012 Toro Grounds Master mower. Trade-in was preferred, but due to the low number offered, staff feel it is best to put them up for sealed bids. A motion was made by Pauley, seconded by Nunez to advertise the equipment for sealed bids. Motion carried.

Nelson presented quotes from Jack's Uniform & Equipment for the purchase of new department Law Enforcement handguns, equipment, and ballistic vests. The current handguns are 25 years old and due for rotation. The duty gear equipment is also aged and is due for replacement, along with the expiring ballistic bulletproof body armor. Discussion was held. There is a ballistic bulletproof vest grant available to agencies to cover up to 50% of the cost, but that grant does not open until April. Staff will apply for the grant to help offset the costs. Some of the equipment will need to be purchased at varying intervals, and Nelson will hold off on acquiring his body armor due to his retirement at the end of the year. A motion was made by Myer, seconded by Nunez to authorize the purchase of the handguns, equipment, and body armor from Jack's Uniform & Equipment. Motion carried.

Nelson presented Resolution 2024-1, a grant application to the Harrison County Community Foundation to partner in the purchase of the Doidge Property from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. This application request is for \$15,000. After discussion, a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1 was made by Nunez, seconded by Pauley. Motion carried.

Department Reports were reviewed.

In Other/Future: The next meeting will be Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Welcome Center. Topics to include are the Capital Improvement Plan, Annual Report, and hopefully the Long-Range Strategic Plan.

Board Members:

- Ben McIntosh has been re-appointed!
- Current terms were reviewed.
- Elections:
  - President – Nate Epperson
  - Vice President – Danelle Myer
  - Secretary – Kris Pauley
  - Motion to approve the 2024 HCCB Officers was made by Pauley, seconded by Nunez. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm was made by Pauley.

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Ben McIntosh, President

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Nate Epperson, Vice-President

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Danelle Myer, Secretary