

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Larry Wilson, President
Bill Waldie, Vice President
Gene Zdrazil, Secretary
Carolyn Buckingham

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director
Emily Walker, Office Assistant
Wade Schultz, Operations Superintendent

OTHER STAFF:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney

Vice President Larry Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2019. Second by Bill Waldie, with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Special Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019. Second by Gene Zdrazil, with a unanimous vote.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Administer the Oath of Office to Carolyn Buckingham and introduction to the Conservation Board.

Discussion only.

Bills:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$13,400.77, department 32 bills in the amount of \$12,336.92, department 40 in the amount of \$2,867.87, department 82 in the amount of \$44,824.55, department 83 in the amount of \$1,179,422.94, and department 85 in the amount of \$750.00. Second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

Susie Nehring arrived at 5:40 pm.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Discussion by Public:

Lynette Seigley and Deb Quade from Friends of Johnson County Conservation group introduced themselves.

2. Discussion/Action – Election of officers for 2020

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to nominate Gene Zdrazil for President, second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to nominate Bill Waldie for Vice President, second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Bill Waldie to nominate Larry Wilson for Secretary, second by Gene Zdrazil with a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion/Action – Proposal from ASTIG for planning services related to the Pechman Creek Delta site.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to approve the proposal with the exception of adjustments to Paragraph 6, which the Director is to work out to his satisfaction with ASTIG and with guidance from the County Attorney's office. Second by Bill Waldie with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion/Action – Authorization to close on a 133 acre acquisition from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to close the Schwab Burford Acquisition Phase 2 from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Second by Larry Wilson with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion/Action – MOU with Dr. Craig Just for restoration practices at the Clear Creek Area.

Motion was made by Larry Wilson to authorize Director to develop a Memorandum of Understanding or agreement with Dr. Craig Just for restoration practices at the Clear Creek Area. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion – Review of the UI Marketing Class study of Cabin Rental Feasibility Study

Discussion only.

7. Discussion – Annual review of bylaws.

Discussion only.

8. Discussion – Legislative priorities for the 2020 legislative session.

Discussion only.

9. Discussion/Action - closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate. Possible closed session per 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa to discuss purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

No Closed Session held.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – February 18, 2020, Betty Sass Room, County Administration Bldg.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Second by Carolyn Buckingham with a unanimous vote.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 18th day of February, 2020.

Signature on File
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File
Larry Wilson, Secretary