

JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Zdrazil, President

Bill Waldie, Vice President (via Zoom)

Bonnie Winslow-Garvin (via Zoom)

Carolyn Buckingham (via Zoom)

Connie Mutel (via Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Larry Gullett, Director

Emily Allen, Office Assistant

Wade Schultz, Operations Supt. (via Zoom)

Brad Freidhof, Cons. Ed. Supt. (via Zoom)

Alicia Claus-Bartels (via Zoom)

OTHER:

Susie Nehring, Asst. County Attorney (via Zoom)

Lisa Green-Douglas (via Zoom)

President Gene Zdrazil called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve the Johnson County Conservation Board Regular Meeting minutes of December 15, 2020. Second by Connie Mutel, with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Discussion by Public:

Ed Williams joined via phone to discuss the donation of 27.23 acres along Old Man's Creek from HerBet Farms Inc.

Business:

1. Discussion/Action – Administer the Oath of Office to Bonnie Winslow-Garvin and introduction to the Conservation Board

Discussion only.

2. Discussion/Action – Election of officers for calendar year 2021

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to nominate Gene Zdrazil for President, second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye. Motion was made by Gene Zdrazil to nominate Bill Waldie for Vice President, second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye. Motion was made by Bill Waldie to nominate Carolyn Buckingham for Secretary, second by

Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

3. Discussion/Action – Donation of 27.23 acres along Old Man's Creek from HerBet Farms Inc.

Discussion only.

4. Discussion – Welcome Alicia Claus-Bartels, new Custodian with JCCB

Discussion only.

5. Discussion/Action – Annual review of bylaws.

Discussion only.

6. Discussion/Action – Update on derecho clean-up activities, coordination with FEMA, insurance coverages and FY 21 budget amendment.

Discussion only.

7. Discussion/Action – Naming of the new shop near Sutliff – Sutliff Operations Center.

Motion was made by Carolyn Buckingham to accept Sutliff Operations Center as the new name. Second by Bill Waldie with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

8. Discussion/Action – Authorization to close on the acquisition of 100 acres – Malinda Reif Reilly Fen and Prairie, from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Motion was made by Connie Mutel to authorize the Director to close on the acquisition of 100 acres – Malinda Reif Reilly Fen and Prairie, from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Second by Bill Waldie with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

9. Discussion/Action - Authorization to close on the acquisition of two properties as part of the Hoover Trail Project, Morse to Oasis corridor.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to authorize the Director to close on the acquisition of Gardner Property, 2.16 acres. Second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

10. Discussion/Action – Update on the agreement with the City of Tiffin for construction of a connecting link to the Clear Creek Trail and implications related to the city's annexation proposal.

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to continue with the agreement with the City of Tiffin for construction of a connecting link to the Clear Creek Trail as approved by the Conservation Board on August 15, 2017. Second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Directors Report:

Director Larry Gullett reviewed staff activities and financial reports.

Bills:

Motion was made by Bill Waldie to approve department 24 bills in the amount of \$40,290.87, department 32 in the amount of \$61,625.00, department 40 in the amount of \$822.17, department 82 in the amount of \$149,636.56, department 83 in the amount of \$1,041,383.83, and department 85 in the amount of \$548.48. Second by Connie Mutel with a roll call vote as follows: Waldie, aye; Mutel, aye; Garvin, aye; Buckingham, aye; Zdrazil, aye.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Next Regular Meeting of the Conservation Board – Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 – Education Center at Kent Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

The above minutes were read and approved by the Johnson County Conservation Board the 16th day of February, 2021.

Signature on File
Gene Zdrazil, President

Signature on File
Carolyn Buckingham, Secretary