# Wayne County Conservation Board Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2022

MINUTES-OCTOBER

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Diane Schroeder, Vice Chair person.

B. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Tom R\_NO\_ Diane\_YES\_ Tom S\_\_YES\_\_ Mike\_NO\_\_ Marty\_YES\_

Garrett YES Kenny YES Brittany and Linda Allen YES

**Guest or Public:** 

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

September minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Abel. Motion for second by Swearingin. Motion Carried. All ayes.

- D. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION:</u> COVID protocol continues only in bath houses. Work with Amber Rodgers and Stacy Gibbs on playground area. Talks continue with Rodger Gipple on land transaction. Banks not sure if Gipple plans will work with Conservation. Trash can exchange with Stacy and the City of Corydon on hold as the ones they received are not to their liking. Banks attended and completed the CWD Ambassador Program. He is now certified to collect needed tissue for DNR testing for CWD. He reported they are suggesting to keep deer numbers down and to avoid using salt blocks to help stop disease spread.
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Abel. Second by Swearingin. Motion carried. All ayes.

#### F. REPORTS:

- 1. Director Kenny Banks; director report: Banks noted honey was harvested from bee hives, Everyone likes. Honey will be used as gifts for upcoming Camp or Treat. Lots of rules to follow on distribution protocol of honey. Further ideas are being looked into at parks with bees. Banks has talked to Ronnie Guthrie about returning next season. He is unsure at this time, depends on wife's health.
- 2. Assistant Director Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
- 3. Naturalist: See attached report to minutes. Asheigh busy with school programs, working with Linda on Camp or Treat and doing honey harvest with help of her husband, Adam and park personnel. Very Interesting work.

Nickel made motion to approve all reports. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

- G. <u>APPROVAL OF BILLS</u>: Swearingin made the motion to approve the bills. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes. #6355.92 total claims were submitted in September for payment. Claims list for month signed by Schroeder, Vice Person. Banks noted rising costs of Civil War rental of porta johns with all added Covid precautions. He asked to be advised if they wanted him to look into something less expensive. Board suggested he might ask for another sponsor of Civil War to share cost with Conservation.
- H. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Discussion on 548 Rewilding Project with Roger Gipple continues.
  - b. New tires purchased from Nates Automotive for the white ford truck.
  - c. Camping season just open for hunters at BWP and mowing done.

- d. Broken window in truck was fixed
- e. Ordered and received paper shredder
  - i. A good purchase and works great.
- f. Food plots are up, even without much needed rain.
  - i. Winter rye/wheat is up good
  - ii. Radishes and turnips behind.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Harvested 29 pints of honey using the spin method to process.
- B. Rocked and leveled most of the camp pads @ BWP campground
- C. Planted 5 trees @ MGP, pictures were presented for Board viewing.
  - a. 2 celebration maples
  - b. 2 sweet gums
  - c. 1 scarlet maple
- D. Have 8 more trees to plant
  - a. Have to wait for them to go dormant
- E. 2 more shelter rentals left
- F. Camp or Treat and Chili Cookoff flyers made and notifications put on Facebook page.
- G. Labor Day weekend; \$5,235 in total for camping
- H. Winter schedule duties are being planned.

### J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

- 1. Tire rod ends and ball joints for white ford: Banks presented estimated cost to repair of \$664. Board approved and said to get it fixed.
- 2. Wi-Fi for parks was bought back to discussion with all members agreeing not to pursue. Enjoy the outdoor life and use phone hotspot if needed.

# K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Abel at 6.39 PM. Swearingin made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary

Next Regular Meeting December 12, 2022

# Claims - 2022 October

Utilities	First Interestate Bill
Regular Bills	Not common bills
Grundy Electric	\$302.75
City of Lineville	\$31.12
GRM Network	\$131.58
Midwest Sanitation	\$71.12
Cell Phone	\$50.00
City of Corydon	\$30.00
Rathbun Regional	\$210.75
Clarke Electric	\$513.90
Alliant Energy	\$1,308.85
C & E Trucking	\$254.40
Lockridge Lumber	\$323.50
Allerton Lumber	\$72.21
Jensen Promotions	\$330.00
MFA Propane	\$759.63
MFA Fuel	\$837.51
City of Humeston	\$882.00
Safelite Auto	\$492.18
Office Depot	\$199.99
Long Creek Outfitters	\$89.85
Ia. Roadside Conference	\$221.92
Nate Automotive-Tires	\$932.00
C & C Custom Cycle	\$165.30

Total \$8,210.56

Tom Rockhold WCCB Chairman

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# Office/Maintenance Report

(October 11<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>)

- Input the claims into excel sheet
- Filed claims after writing them up
- Read e-mails
- Turned in claims when due into courthouse
- > Took phone calls
- Wrote up list for monthly claims
- Entered campground receipts into excel program
- Work w/ Helga, IDNR, on rewilding project & CWD Q&A session
- Worked on agenda and minutes for meeting
- Kenny, Brittany, Ashleigh and Linda counted camp money
- > Turned in money to the courthouse
- Done mowing, bagging leaves now
- Opened mail as it came in
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board
- Worked on bills w/ Kenny, Brittany & Linda
- Done with rentals until spring
- > Ron still out
- Do timesheet promptly
- > Put information in order for meeting
- > Posted board meeting at office and on Facebook
- Cleaned office/ Covid style
- Work w/ Michelle; Auditor @ courthouse Insurance
- Maintain Facebook page
  - Ash/Britt are working on updates
- Filled up White Ford & Green Ford when needed
- Winterized vehicles
- Winterized spray tanks
- Take measurements to replace playground border boards @ LSP shelter area
- Rounds, trash, and money pick up on Mondays
  - Winter schedule so BW only
- New tire rod ends, ball joints, top link, etc. from Nates on white ford
- Helped annual camp or treat and first chili cookoff
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger
- Working w/Amber & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
  - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon and trash cans for shelters
  - Amber took a new job, will be working with her replacement
- Closed bath houses and closed parks
  - winterized

- > Filled wood bin @ BW
- > Ash is maintaining the hives
- > Leveling camp pads @ BW
- > Hauling the new rock to the leveled camp
- Take meter reading on the first of month for Rathbun @ BW and LSP
- Made multiple trips to MCWA
  - Food plot is growing well
  - Kayaking is over for the season
- Clean white truck
- Broke drive shaft belt on Polaris
  - Got a replacement belt and fixed
- Work w/ Stacey with City of Corydon for 28E agreement; waiting for state
- Cleaned shower houses
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- > Jeff went to nursery in Trenton
  - Picked up 8 trees to plant @ MG
    - 2 cypress trees
    - 2 oak trees
    - 2 coffee trees
    - 1 redwood
    - 1 celebrity maple
- Planted 8 trees @ MG
- Put up gate to first camp sites @ LSP
- Closed the gates to the campgrounds @ LSP, MG, and CLP
- Marhoff winterized MG and BW bath
- Winterized single stall restroom by the shelter @ LSP
- Removed batteries from all the mowers and put on the chargers except for G2
- > Called MFA to fill up fuel barrels with Diesel and Unleaded gas
- Drove tractor to CLP
- > Cut down dead trees and pulled them onto the road @ CLP w/ tractor
- Had power and water shut off at all parks except for BW
- Called Midwest Sanitation to have a stop put on for emptying the dumpster @ CLP for the season
- > Called C & E Trucking to stop emptying the dumpster @ MG for the season
- ➤ Linda worked her last day October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Purchased steel fence post from Allerton Lumber to put up snow fence around new trees in MG campground

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

# WCCB Naturalist Report (October, 2022)

# October, 2022

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Deserts	14
Humeston Library – Deserts	14
Corydon Library - Deserts	8
Bobwhite – Cookoff – 5 Participants	16
Bobwhite – Camp or Treat – 8 Campers	50
Outreach	
Seymour – Deserts	136
Wayne – Deserts	399
Mormon Trail - Deserts	141
Private Program	
Total People Reached	778

# **Other Tasks**

- 1. Advertise upcoming programs
- 2. Prepare / plan public programs
- 3. Plan / Prepare School Programs
- 4. Facebook updates
- 5. Worked honeybees
- 6. Mowed/learned maintenance

# Coming Up in November:

### **Schools:**

11/2 – Mormon Trail – Tundra

11/3 – Seymour – Tundra

11/9 – Wayne – Tundra

11/16 - Wayne - Tundra

## **Public:**

11/1 – Seymour Library - Tundra

11/8 – Humeston Library – Tundra

11/15 – Corydon Library – Tundra

### **Private:**

11/15 – Murphy's Place - Leaves