

Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting for
July 8, 2024

Minutes-July

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:59 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R X Lance X Diane X Marty Garrett X Kenny X Brittany X
and Linda Allen

Guest or Public: Savannah Banks Sandy attended the meeting for the Times Republican newspaper and took notes. Steve Benjamin was also in attendance.

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

June minutes were approved as presented. Motion to approve by Lange. Second by Abel. Motion carried. All ayes.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Working with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon on the playground. Talked with Jared about how the water and electric lines were cut when they were working in the area. Said the possibility of digging in October to get the lines hooked back up. The Wayne Community Foundation grant is due in February. This grant would be great to receive for building the bathroom by the Corydon Lake Park shelters. This bathroom will be like the one up at the Lakeside Park shelter.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Lange. Second by Schroeder. Motion carried. All ayes

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes.

Lange made motion to approve all reports. Schroeder made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Abel made the motion to approve the bills. Lange made the second.

Motion carried. All ayes. Claims list for month signed by Tom Rockhold – WCCB Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Seeding playground and grinding stumps as weather permits
 - i. Grass at new playground looking good
- b. Cutting ash trees on hold until November 1st

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ashleigh turned in two weeks notice on the 30th
 - a. Got hired on by Corps of Engineers
- B. Still working on grants for new bathroom @ CLP
- C. Need to know fence agreement with Loris Nickell and Dean Ally
 - a. Al Wilson has all the information and will get back to me
 - b. Lange made the comment that if anything, the WCCB could just do the due diligence and fix half of the fence that is connecting to one of the properties one year and then fix half of the other fence the next year, regarding the cost financially.
- D. Started working on camp pads @ BW as time and weather allow
 - a. Have been clearing brush @ BW campground
 - b. Mainly needing to lengthen and level the sites on the North side of the campground as those sites are short and not level.
- E. Working on front mower for skid steer
 - a. There is one up at Vetter's for \$8,000
 - b. Waiting to hear back from CAT
- F. Ordering curb stops from Amish (Ed Yoder)
 - a. 7" tall, 9" bottom, 6' long
 - b. \$1,600
 - i. Lange made the motion to approve the purchase of the 40 curbs stops at \$40 a curb stop. Abel seconded. Motion carried. All ayes.
- G. Need to dig on hydrant @ LSP and one @ BW

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

- 1. Steve Benjamin asked the board if he would be allowed to come in and help manage the BW trails since hearing of the news that Ashleigh turned in her two weeks' notice for her new job. The board agreed to have him come in to work on the trails.
- 2. Talked about hiring a new naturalist. Comments were made to wait to hire and to look inside the community.
- 3. The tube that is on the trail below the campground leading to the boat ramp needs fixed. Banks said that there is a longer tube that can be put in place of the shorter one. Lange made the comment to clear out the area and pour a concrete pad with a 6" PVC pipe underneath it. The PVC pipe would allow smaller amounts of water to run underneath the concrete pad. If there is a bigger storm and logs and other debris ends up coming down that area, it will go right over the concrete pad. Easier clean up in the long run.
- 4.

K. Adjournment

Schroeder made the motion to adjourn at 6:36 PM. Lange made the second. Motion Carried. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Brittany Snow, WCCB Assistant Director/Technician.



WCC Board Chairperson

Next Regular Meeting August 12, 2024

Claims

Jul-24

Utilities

Regular Bills

Not common bills

Grundy Electric	ACCURED	\$453.06
City of Lineville		\$35.19
City of Corydon		\$97.90
Rathbun Regional		\$320.00
Clarke Electric		\$549.64
Car Quest		\$148.67
First Interstate		\$623.36
Midwest Sanitation		\$83.01
Allerton Lumber		\$14.97
Alliant Energy	ACCURED	\$2,568.06
	\$ 4,893.86	
Dollar General		\$45.25
Allerton Lumber	44.99+42.00+8.70+168.04	\$263.73
MFA Oil		\$1,326.91
Uline		\$196.50
ICCS		\$1,100.00
C & E Trucking		\$480.00
Goben Auto		\$2,306.56
L & W Electric		\$283.01
GRM Network		\$99.40
Cell Phone		\$50.00

Total

\$11,045.22

\$4,893.86

\$11,045.22

\$15,939.08

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman



Office/Maintenance Report

(July 9th, 2024 – August 12th, 2024)

- 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
- Worked on agenda and minutes for meeting
- Opened mail as it came in
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board meeting
- Worked on bills w/ Kenny & Brittany
- 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; & Amanda; Treasurer office
- Maintain Facebook page
 - Britt are working on updates
- Count camp money with Linda
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
 - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
- Ash is maintaining the hives
- Leveling camp pads @ BW
 - Brush removal started
 - Have 3 sites done
- Picking up brush from cut down trees with skidder and black dump trailer
- Take meter reading on the first of month for Rathbun @ BW
- Clean white truck
- Cut trees out of prairie
 - Still more to cut
 - Piling into burn pile in prairie
- Grind stumps @ CLP & BW
 - Will continue throughout spring & summer as time & weather permit
- Cutting hazard trees
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Mow trails @ BW prairie
 - Honey suckle and autumn olive
 - Removed trees covering the trail
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Still cleaning honeysuckle @ entrance to LSP
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Need brakes fixed on big trailer
 - New trailer?
- Need to roof house and shop discussion (grant?)
 - Get quotes for both
 - Shingles- house
 - Metal for the shop
- Mowed roadside area by campground
- Split and stacked wood for camping season
- Need to discuss liability for campers during tornados, etc....
 - Safety meeting topic
 - New signs
- New mower working great
- Sunflowers @ BW campground are up
 - Thank Steve & Kelly
- Picked up parking stops
- Primping for Old Settlers @ CLP
- Cleaned up brush piles @ CLP
- Mowing and trimming in every park
- Started cleaning up trail to shooting range
- Maintenance mowers
 - Blades
 - Air cleaners
 - Oil change w/filters
 - Tires
- Pick up rebar and cut for park stops
- Set new parking stops
- Shelter rentals for August
 - 3
- Cleaning bathrooms
- Pick up road paint from Jared
 - City of Corydon
- Paint new parking stops @ new playground
- Cleaned roadway @ CLP w/ skidder
- Leveled north parking lot
- Set new parking stops in lot
- Filled wood bin
- Worked on washed out tube below campground
- Pulled old rotten post from North lot @ CLP
- Cut trees leaning over roadway @ CLP
- Mowed new grass @ new playground 2nd time
- Have Lorena's bench set
- Waiting for price of new bush hog from CAT
 - \$7,500.00
- Picked up new jack; works great
- Started clean up @ Hill 95
- Gave out maps to MCWA for hunters that drew tags and are scouting
- Have had a lot of compliments on CLP & BW

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

July, 2024

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Kayaking	14
Corydon Library –	
Wayne County Fair-	36
Outreach	
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place –	
Corydon Specialty Care –	
Total People Reached	50

Other Tasks

1. Advertise upcoming programs
2. Prepare / plan public programs
3. Plan / Prepare School Programs
4. Facebook updates
5. Worked honeybees
6. Other maintenance and office work

Coming Up in August:

Schools:

School visits are done for the year

Public:

- Seymour Library –
- Corydon Library –

Private:

- Murphy’s Place –
- Corydon Specialty Care –

Naturalist:

- Ashleigh worked full time with Wayne County Conservation
- Put on public programs at each park
- Provided programs at the Seymour, Wayne, and Mormon Trail elementary schools
- Provided programs at Corydon, Seymour, and Humeston libraries
- Provided programs at Murphy's Place, Corydon Specialty Care, Magical Beginnings, and Corydon Head Start
- Maintained Honeybees and extracted honey
- Assisted with Maintenance and Office
- Attended Roadside Conference

Monarch Tagging	BW, MP
Fishing	BW, CLP
Snakes	MT, S, W, CL, SL, HL, BW, MG, CLP, LSP, MP, CSP
Kayaking	BW, LSP, SL, HL, CLP, MC
Bookmarks	SL, HL, CL, MP
Camp or Treat/cookoff	BW
Recycled Bees	SL
Turtle	BW, CLP, LSP, MG
Honey Harvest	BW
Honeybees	ACCB, ACCK, BW
Beeswax Lotion Bars	SL, CL, HL, MP, QCWOC, ACCB, BW
Hike	BW, LSP
Frogs	AWF
Dutch Oven	QCWOC, SL, CL
Recycled Paper	QCWOC, ACCB
Seed Dispersal	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB
Metamorphosis	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB
Bookmarks	SL, HL, CL, MP
Taxonomy	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB
Insects	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB, CSP
Food Chain	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB, CSP

Pollination	MT, S, W, SL, HL, CL, MP, CHS, MB, CSP
Fishing/Habitat	LSP
Archery	LSP
Bird Call Bingo	SL, CL, HL, S, W, MT, MP WCF
Fish Kill	MP
Watermelon Days	Humeston

Monthly Participants

July	70
August	64
September	734
October	751
November	680
December	50
January	681
February	692
March	695
April	756
May	174
June	98
Total	5,445

- MT – Mormon Trail
- S – Seymour
- W- Wayne
- MP – Murphy's Place
- MG – Moore-Gosch
- BW – Bobwhite
- CLP – Corydon Lake Park
- LSP – Lakeside Park
- WCF – Wayne County Fair
- CHS – Corydon Head Start
- MB – Magical Beginnings
- SL – Seymour Library
- CL – Corydon Library
- HL – Humeston Library
- ACCK – Appanoose Co. Clover Kids
- MC – Medicine Creek
- CSP – Corydon Specialty Care
- ACCB – Appanoose Co Conservation Board
- QCWOC – Quad City Women's Outdoor Club