

Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting
For
March 13, 2023

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR
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A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Diane Schroeder, Vice Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R No_Don..X_ Diane_X__Mike_X_ Marty No Garrett No
Kenny_X__Brittany No Ashleigh X_and Linda Allen_X__.

Guest or Public:

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

February minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Lewis. Motion for second by Seams. Motion Carried. All ayes.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Communications continue with Jared Chambers and Stacy Gibbs on playground area. Weather is a big factor and the removal of trees. Banks is considering suggesting to Corydon about hiring someone to log out and remove trees. Permit holders are still cutting until April 1st. See Ashleigh's report. Attempting to get Reap Community together for available funds and grants. Banks is pursuing the Reap Board Committee rebuild for access to monies they have for projects he would like to do. Meeting with George from the IDNR about the Bobwhite Lake renovation on the 29th at 10:00 A.M: Banks and Seams are contacting other parties to help encourage the Bobwhite Lake renovation. One nice clean lake in the county would be a good source of entertainment and revenue. Electric power and water turn on have been called in for the 27th and 28th at all parks.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banks reviewed and reported about staff to Winterfest. Was enjoyed by everyone and a good learning experience.
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report

3. Naturalist: See attached report to minutes. Ashleigh answered questions on her programs, told how the beehives and etc. were obtained from Appanoose County. Explained the process for tapping maple trees. Showed the tap bucket she uses. It takes 40 gallons of sap to render out 1 gallon of maple syrup. We got to taste some of her syrup. Was very tasty. Requires 10 to 12 hours of processing or more. Lewis made a motion to approve all reports. Seams made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Schroeder made the motion to approve the bills. Seams made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

Ten claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month signed by Schroeder, WCCB Vice Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Lorena's Memorial is still in planning with family and friends.
- b. Work on Prairie piece will continue when drier grounds permit more brush cutting.
- c. Still cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BW for permit holders, more clean-up going on now.
- d. Annual budget turned in to BOS. Supervisors work on hold due to the States mistake on Iowa budget. Their mistake made a \$50,000 difference in Wayne County planning.
- e. Budget, capital assets, and budget amendments are put on hold until Michelle returns.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tapping trees – ended, yielded about 2 quarts from the Red Maple tree.
 - a. One @ BW and one @ LSP. Ashleigh gave an interesting report on it. Banks said planting soft maple trees might be an option.
- B. Pursuing basketball court @ BW like the one @ MGP.
- C. Still looking @ grants to build a bathroom, like LSP, at CLP where the new playground equipment is going and for skid steer.
 - a. New playground on hold till next year. Tree removal is hold up,
- D. Still working on some of the camp pads @ BW campground
- E. Annual Report finished and turned in for Board approval. Schroeder made a motion to accept the report. Second by Lewis. Motion carried. All ayes.
- F. Work with the Sheriff's office to receive the old K-9 unit for extra vehicle for conservation was successful and Banks asked for approval to add Conservation logo to doors. They approved.
- G. Picked up 2015 Cat skidder and implements on March 7th. Revenue from BOS of \$30,000, Reap monies, Conservation line and donations was used to purchase.
- H. Cleaning up and fixing up trash cans for BW, CLP, MG, and LSP – Will be set in parks as soon as it is dry enough.

- I. On track to be close to the same revenue as last year with April, May, and June to go.
- J. Turned in grant for prairie seed renovation project for BW prairie (Ashleigh wrote up) – Haven't heard back yet.
- K. All utilities and water turned back on in all parks on the 28th, parks open by April 1st.
Downed trees will be cleaned up in parks by opening date.

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes


1. Raising prices at campgrounds is under consideration, due to higher electric rates and expenses. Banks don't want to change till after the new fiscal starts. Rates will be discussed again.
2. MCWA is full of water and running over. Discussion on ways to utilize island out in water. Adding sunflowers was suggested.
3. Banks gave estimates on repairs needed for 2001 Green Ford: Lewis made motion to get the Green truck fixed. Schroeder made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.
4. Hosts for parks are: Carpenters for CLP, Henley's for MGP, Newtons for LSP. BWP not decided yet.
5. Banks noted Trumpeter swans have been removed from the endangered species list and more renovated trash cans are ready to use.
6. Schroeder asked if target practice or shooting range was allowed at any parks. No insurance. Lewis reported a range in Lucas County.
7. Question if park needed summer mowers? BWP is covered. Banks to advertise this month for seasonal part time help.

K. Adjournment

Lewis motioned to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Seams made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary

WCCB Chairman



Next Regular Meeting April 10, 2023



Claims - 2023 March

Utilities	First Interstate Bill
Regular Bills	Not common bills
C & E Trucking	\$127.20
GRM Network	\$131.93
Cell Phone (March & April)	\$100.00
Rathbun Regional	\$55.50
Clarke Electric	\$148.17
Allerton Lumber	\$44.39
MFA	\$837.51
CarQuest	\$172.15
Gambles	\$8.45
Adobe Acrobat	\$21.19
Total	\$1,646.49

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman

Diane Olson Schroeder
WCCB Vice - Chairman



Office/Maintenance Report

(March 14th – April 10th 2023)

- 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
- Camping over started April 1st
- Opened mail as it came in
- Retrieved claims from courthouse for board meeting
- Worked on bills w/ Kenny, Brittany & Linda
- Rentals started again
- 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; & Amanda; Treasurer office
- Maintain Facebook page
 - Ash/Britt are working on updates
- Spring schedule
 - Rounds, trash @ all parks
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR
 - CWD positive @ MCWA
 - Waiting for deer report
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
 - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
 - Start soon
- New trash cans
 - Cleaning
 - Fixing
 - Painting
 - Moving to locations
- Ash is maintaining the hives
 - Took down wind block
 - Bee's survived the winter
- Leveling camp pads @ BW
- Picking up brush from cut down trees
- Take meter reading on the first of month for Rathbun @ BW
- Made multiple trips to MCWA
- Clean white truck
- Cut trees out of prairie
 - Still more to cut
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP
- Cut down dead trees and pulled them onto the road @ CLP w/ tractor
- Green ford fixed @ Nate's
- Received old K-9 unit from sheriff's
 - Working on doors, console & seat
- Electric and water on @ all parks
- Burn @ BW roadway & dam
- Burn MG damn and shoreline
- Talk with Mary Ellen about REAP community
- Talk with Lance Lange about budget amendment
- Ash tree cutting done until November
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Attended meeting with IDNR
- Staff safety meeting
- Annual Report has correction
- Splitting firewood for camp season
- Grant denied, Ashleigh
 - Wayne Community Foundation Grant for prairie seed, for overseed project @ BW
- Met w/ IDNR George Antoniou, lake restoration coordinator, Michelle and others
 - Working on lake renovation for Wayne County
- Cleaning up wood from cutting down trees
 - Slow going from the ground being too soft
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Filled out capital asset forms for new mower, skid steer, and tahoe
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Work on opening shower houses
 - MG is open
 - Humeston is about ready
- Work on Job Description for Jack
- Continue to pick up brush and haul to the boneyard
- Did job interviews
- Oil change in white ford
- Brush hog south of BW campground
- Show timber to timber buyers for City of Corydon where the new playground will go at the South Shelter @ CLP
- Get mowers ready
- Spoke w/ Courtney from City of Humeston about LSP

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

March, 2023

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Aquatics	19
Humeston Library – Aquatics	11
Corydon Library – Aquatics	9
Outreach	
Seymour – Aquatics	136
Wayne – Aquatics	399
Mormon Trail – Aquatics	141
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Maple Syrup	7
Total People Reached	721

Other Tasks

1. Advertise upcoming programs
2. Prepare / plan public programs
3. Plan / Prepare School Programs
4. Facebook updates
5. Worked honeybees – They survived the winter!
6. Burned at Bobwhite and Moore Gosh
7. Cleaned up trees and Split firewood

Coming Up in April:

Schools:

4/5 – Mormon Trail – Endangered
Animals

4/12 – Wayne – Endangered
Animals

4/19 – Wayne – Endangered
Animals

4/20– Seymour – Endangered
Animals

Private:

4/18 – Murphy’s Place –

Public:

4/4 – Seymour Library – Endangered
Animals

4/11 – Humeston Library –
Endangered Animals

4/18 – Corydon Library –
Endangered Animals

