

Wayne County Conservation Board
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2023

MINUTES APRIL

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR

MAY 09 2023

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM by Garrett Abel, Board member.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R_NO___DonX___ Diane_NO___Mike_NO___ Marty_X___Garrett-
___X___Kenny_X___and Linda Allen_X .

Guest or Public:

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

March minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Nickel. Motion for second by Abel. Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Meeting with IDNR for the lake renovation project went as expected. No paperwork done and lakes were sited as being silt catchers for Rathburn Lake See Ashleigh's report. Attempting to get Reap Community together for available funds and grants. Met with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon to discuss playground renovation and tree removal. Participated in Supervisor meeting on April 5th to explain budget amendment for the Conservation. Conservation funds needed to be moved to an expenditure line . Banks reported lots of dead trees in all parks and thinking about hiring someone to do all of them

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banked reported spring schedule is now being worked. All utilities in the parks are on and all bath houses will be open this weekend. Memorial weekend will be first big weekend of season. All mowers are ready to roll . Banks had six people interview for part time mowing position. One will be hired by 15th of month. Ronnie Guthrie not returning yet.
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
3. Naturalist: See attached report to minutes.
4. Nickel made motion to approve all reports. Abel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Abel made the motion to approve the bills. Nickel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes. Claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month signed by WCCB Garrett Abel, Board member..

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Lorena Blount Memorial: Allerton Play Committee(Tim Kelly) donated a park bench.
- b. Still cutting and doing brush removal on Prairie piece.
- c. Cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BWP is done April 1 when camping season opens.
- d. Capital assets sheets have all been turned in and added to Insurance, (New mower, skidder, and Tahoe from the Sheriff office)
- e. Budget approval to be decided on the 18th at public hearing.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Six people applied to mow this summer. Interviewed all of them. Will hire one part timer around the 15th of month.
- B. Banks talked with DNR about putting in basketball court @ BW like the one @ MG
- C. Still looking @ grants to build a bathroom, like LSP, at CLP where the new playground equipment is going to be
 - a. New playground on hold until October 1st (Oak wilt)
- D. Some of the camp pads @ BW campground still need rock.
- E. Annual Report Correction was approved.
- F. Green Ford truck was taken in for needed repair work. Additional expenses for a right rear caliper bar , top or drag link bar were added for around \$200 to complete the fix. Banks reported it drives like a new one.
- G. Job descriptions update requested by (Jack) need more work.
- H. Cleaned and fixed trash cans for BW, CLP, MG, and LSP – Will soon be set in parks. New handicap accessible picnic tables are being assembled for all the parks.
- I. Grant for prairie seed renovation project at BW prairie was denied.
- J. All utilities and water turned back on in all parks, parks are open for business
- K. All bath houses will be open weekend of April 1st.
- L. New page system for the Conservation is working correctly
- M. Budget will be decided on March 18th

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

1. More discussion on raising prices at campgrounds: Electric utilities raising July 1. Nightly fee of \$20.00 is being considered on July 1, 2023.
Revisit sewer project at Bobwhite
2. Park host for BWP is still available. Someone may do if nobody inquiries.

K. Adjournment:

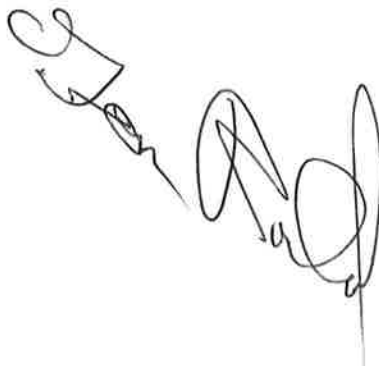
Motion to adjourn by Abel at 6:46 PM. Nickel made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary

Tom Rockhold, Chairman



Next Regular Meeting May 8, 2023



Claims - 2023 April

Utilities	First Interstate Bill
Regular Bills	Not common bills
C & E Trucking	\$120.00
GRM Network	\$131.59
Rathbun Regional	\$61.50
Clarke Electric	\$167.90
Allerton Lumber	\$81.89
Ted Clark Rooter & Plumb	\$175.00
Alliant Energy	\$271.91
Grundy Electric	\$20.81
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$2,244.61
EWING ENTERPRISES	\$1,111.50
BLUESON GRAPHICS	\$201.00
ULINE	\$193.11
NATES AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	\$20.00
Total	\$4,800.82

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman



Diane Olson Schroeder
WCCB Vice - Chairman

Office/Maintenance Report

(April 11th – May 8th 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
- 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
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
 - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
 - October start date
- Ash is maintaining the hives
- Leveling camp pads @ BW
- Picking up brush from cut down trees with skidder and black dump trailer
- 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
 - Piling into burn pile in prairie
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP
 - Mostly done in high use areas
- Green ford torque converter light is on
- Working on doors, console & seat on old K-9 vehicle
- Mowing and trimming at every park
- Clean bath houses in every park
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Attended meeting with IDNR
- Staff safety meeting
- Talked with Velvet @ NRCS office
 - Working on lake renovation for Wayne County
- Help work on roadway @ LSP
- Spoke w/ Brian DeMoss; NRCS
- Finish building new handicap tables
- Cleaning up wood from cutting down trees
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Haul tables to parks
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Getting MCWA food plot area ready
- Push the brush up at the BW boneyard
- School kids came to CLP and picked up trash and sticks
- Bag leaves @ CLP
- Talked with Norris Forman; has 9 campers @ MG
- Pick up new printer
- Have 3 saws @ Bakers
 - 2 small and echo stumper
- Have shelter rentals, grad parties, and weddings
- Vern is mowing again @ BW
- Steve Benjamin hired in Ron sted
- Linda is back working in the office
- Filled out and submitted Ewing dust control form
- Took care of trees about to fall on BW prairie bridge
- Talked to DNR and received all the paper work and Permit information for the basketball court @ BW

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

April, 2023

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Endangered Animals	19
Humeston Library – Endangered Animals	9
Corydon Library – Endangered Animals	10
Outreach	
Seymour – Endangered Animals	136
Wayne – Endangered Animals	399
Mormon Trail – Endangered Animals	141
Seymour – Starlab (Learning about Constellations)	85
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place –	9
Total People Reached	808

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! Split a hive to prevent swarming
6. Mowed/Other maintenance and office work
7. Cleaned up trees

Coming Up in May:

Schools:

5/16 & 18 – Centerville 4th Grade @ Leah Bradley – Pond Study & Fishing
 5/17 – Corydon 6th Grade @ CLP – Pond Study & Fishing
 5/22 – MT @ LSP – Survival Skills
 5/23 – Humeston @ LSP – K-2nd
 Habitats and Fishing
 5/24 – MT @ LSP – Kayaking
 5/26 – MT 5th @ LSP - Kayaking

Private:

5/9 – Murphy’s Place – Recycled Paper

Public:

5/2 – Seymour Library – Recycled Paper
 5/9 – Humeston Library – Recycled Paper
 5/2 – Corydon Library – Recycled Paper

