

**Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting
for
November 13, 2023**

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR

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MINUTES NOVEMBER-2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R_X__Lance_NO__ Diane_X__Mike_NO__ Marty via phone X
_NO_Garrett NO_Kenny_X_and Linda Allen__X_

Guest or Public:

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

October minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Schroeder. Motion for second by Rockhold. Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Still working with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon on the playground assembly. Pictures taken shows work progressing nicely. 120 ft. Zipline is to start November 14th. Cut and piled 50 Ash trees for permit holders to cleanup. Working with Helga, IDNR, on deer hunt at Bobwhite. Two more hunters have bought tags since weather got colder and are currently hunting.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banks reported 100 plus loads of dirt and 150 plus tons of rock has been hauled into Corydon Lake playground project. Ninety-one stumps were ground up after the two hundred trees were cut. Bruce from IDNR Hatchery has shocked at Lake Keomah and brought in 100 Largemouth Bass, 100 Bluegill, Crappie and Redear due to surplus .
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report

3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes. Ashleigh has been very busy this month caring for bees, doing school programs, doing five outreach programs and one at Murphy Place to reach 751 people plus attending the IAN Conference. Schroeder made motion to approve all reports. Rockhold made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

G. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Rockhold made the motion to approve the bills. Nickel (via phone) made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

Signed claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month signed by Rockhold, WCCB Chairman.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Received new revised and corrected camp receipts with updated nightly \$20.00 fee increase.
- b. Prairie piece will be burned this fall
- c. Cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BW
- d. All shower houses and bathrooms are winterized
- e. All tops from playground @ CLP have been burned
- f. DOT ordered signs
 - i. Have not received yet
- g. No fishing from bridge signs ordered by Wayne County Engineer
 - i. Not in yet: Banks reported they may have been sent to Lucas County.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Exhaust fans for BW:

- a. Banks did find a 24-inch exhaust fan for price of \$157.99 each. Rockhold made motion to purchase one and install in the BWP shower house and see if it meets expectations. Nickel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes. Additional fans will be purchased and installed for all shower houses if they work properly to reduce moisture.

B. Photos of playground project are very nice and look like a very nice addition.

C. All vehicles, mowers, tractor, and skidder have been winterized

D. Discuss getting stump grinder

- a. Kenny recommends \$5,500 Jenkins: Banks reported the stump grinder fits on the skid loader and will be a very useful addition to the park. With no gravelly mower up for replacement this year, Schroeder made the motion to buy the stump grinder. Nickel made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

E. Winterfest Continuing Education is January 23-25: Banks gave insight information to board members on the speakers and classes available to attend for all three staff

members. Schroeder made the motion for Banks, Arnold and Snow to attend the Winterfest Continuing Education Conference in January 2024.

a. Board approved staff to attend.

F. Have several fuel wood permit holders cutting wood

G. Will be seeding new playground and shelters @ CLP

H. Banks plans to start working on grants for new bathroom @ CLP. it will be like LSP.

I. Banks has talked with City of Corydon on new electric and water lines to playground and shelter @ CLP. All needed details and information not available at this time,

J. Hunters and construction workers still camping @ BW.

K. Received bows back from being serviced at Hilltop Archery.

L. Last round of stocking @ LSP from IDNR fisheries

a. From Lake Keomah:

Bass were 8 – 16 inches and the bluegill were around 8 inches

M. Complied with all requests from State Auditor for documentation on fiscal year 2021-2022.

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

1. No discussion

2.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Schroeder at 6:40 PM. Nickel made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary



WCCB Secretary



WCCB Chairman

Next Regular Meeting December 11, 2023

Claims NOVEMBER 23

Utilities	
Regular Bills	Not common bills
GRM Network	\$132.11
Cell Phone	\$50.00
City of Lineville	\$51.93
Rathbun Regional	\$278.85
First Interstate Bank	\$103.69
Alliant Energy	\$393.20
Clarke Electric	\$385.17
Grundy Electric	\$315.02
C & E Trucking	\$240.00
Midwest Sanitation	\$102.18
Allerton Lumber	\$41.68
Ashleigh Arnold	\$24.85
CarQuest of Corydon	\$21.58
Total	\$2,140.26

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman



Office/Maintenance Report

(November 14th – December 11th 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
- 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
- Winter schedule
 - Trash @ BW
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR, and Bruce, IDNR Hatchery
 - Herbicides for CLP
- Closed MG, CLP, LSP parks
- Working w/Taylor & Stacy, City of Corydon, for grants, parks/rec.
 - Working on playground w/ City of Corydon
 - Burn leaves
 - Install boarder
 - Finish zip line
 - Fill with pea gravel
 - Install parking post
- 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
- Clean white truck
- Cut trees out of prairie
 - Still more to cut
 - Piling into burn pile in prairie
- Grind stumps with Jared's (city of corydon) grinder at CLP
- Try to find information for Lance
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP campground
 - Cut and piled 50 Ash trees for wood permit holders
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Staff safety meeting
- Took complaints about tree across trail @ BW
- Clean out trails from BW prairie
 - Honey suckle and autumn olive
 - Ordered and received exhaust fan for bath house
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Talked to DNR and received all the paper work and Permit information for the basketball court @ BW
 - Need location
- Attach bagger back on #3 mower
 - Started picking up leaves
 - Will continue when dry
- Updated board member information
- Work w/ Helga, IDNR, regarding Bobwhite State Park Hunt
 - Receiving information for zone 91
- Getting ready to start on lagoon @ MG
- Need brakes fixed on big trailer
 - New trailer?
- Reserved our spots for Winterfest
- Cut trees off trail @ BW
 - Need to cut more
- Ordered signs for LSP entrance
 - Have in possession
- Brush hog North side of BW Dam
 - Dam inspection received
- Fill out fuel wood permits
- Fill out doe hunt permits
- Ordered stump grinder
 - Received
 - Hooked up to skid loader to make sure everything works
 - Change CAT category on stump grinder
 - The grinder works great
- Closed park @ BW
 - For now no campers
- Put up new sign @ MCWA
 - No Driving On Area
- Need dirt from secondary roads
 - Will start grinding stumps soon
- Moved dumpster to shop
- Talk w/ Larry about hooking up new fan
- Need to roof house and shop discussion
- Revieved Reap checks for \$9,380.00
- Discussion on board member qualifications
- Had exhaust pipe fixed on White Ford

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

November 2023

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Metamorphosis	19
Humeston Library – Metamorphosis	3
Corydon Library – Metamorphosis	6
Outreach	
Seymour – Seed Dispersal Methods	132
Corydon Headstart – Seeds Move	20
Wayne - Seed Dispersal Methods	330
Magical Beginnings – Seeds Move	20
Mormon Trail – Metamorphosis	146
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Seed Dispersal Methods	4
Total People Reached	680

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
7. IAN Conference

Coming Up in December:

Schools:

Done until January

Private:

12/19 – Murphy’s Place –
Bookmarks

Public:

12/5 – Seymour Library –
Bookmarks
12/12 – Humeston Library –
Bookmarks
12/19 – Corydon Library –
Bookmarks

