

Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting
December 11, 2023

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR

JAN 23 2024

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MINUTES-DECEMBER

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6.00 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R_X__Lance__via phone__ Diane____Mike____ Marty____Garrett-
X__Kenny_X__ and Linda Allen__X__

Guest or Public: Group possibly to enquire about changing name of lake

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

November minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Abel. Motion for second by Schroeder. Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION:

1. Worked with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon on the playground assembly.
2. Deer hunt at Bobwhite: Kyle Jensen, IDNR ,has tested the harvested deer, 100 tags were allotted.
3. Wayne community school job shadow committee has asked WCC to have students. We will have a sophomore and junior

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report
2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report/meeting agenda
3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes:
4. She reached 680 people last month.

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

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

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

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. One new exhaust fan has arrived.
- b. Prairie piece will be burned this fall
- c. Cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BW
- d. Playground project pictures were shown to the Board members
- e. DOT ordered signs, need to discuss
- f. Reservations have been made for upcoming Winterfest Continuing Ed. on January 23rd – 25th
- g. The No Fishing signs ordered by Wayne County Engineer for the bridge have not been received. Banks ordered more.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Driving on Medicine Creek area has resumed since the sign disappeared. The new signs for Lakeside Park have arrived and are very nice.
- B. Will be seeding new playground and shelters @ CLP after burning area and hopefully seeding before the snow.
- C. Received new Stump grinder
- D. The park entrance at Lakeside Park is being cleared and cleaned before new sign is put in.
- E. Have several fuel wood permit holders cutting wood. Lange suggested advertising the fuel permits more.
- F. Starting on grants for new bathroom @ CLP
- G. The new electric and water lines for the playground and shelter @ CLP are slated for April starting date
- H. Received kit to fix pulled wires on skid loader. Installed and works great.

J. Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

1. Name change for Bobwhite Lake: Inquiries' have been made for Board to consider renaming in memory of Lorena Blount. Board deemed the Bobwhite Trail a more appropriate choice, due to her work and commitment on it..
2. Board member terms: A Supervisor was questioned on the residence of a board member on conservation. It was noted that is a requirement by Iowa code. Lange stated to check the mailing address on voting registration to help clarify the matter. Banks and Lange have visited with Al Wilson regarding this.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Abel at 6.32 PM. Rockhold and Lange made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCCB Secretary

Chairman

Next Regular Meeting January 8, 2024

Claims DECEMBER 23

Utilities	
Regular Bills	Not common bills
GRM Network	\$132.11
Cell Phone	\$50.00
Rathbun Regional	\$95.47
First Interstate Bank	\$1,314.25
Clarke Electric	\$162.61
C & E Trucking	\$240.00
MFA Oil	\$201.36
Goben Automotive	\$133.94
Midwest Sanitation	\$83.01
Allerton Lumber	\$72.81
Chamber's Auction	\$5,500.00
CarQuest of Corydon	\$23.89
Total	\$8,009.45

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman



Office/Maintenance Report

(December 12th 2023 – January 8th 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
 - Ash/Britt are working on updates
- Winter schedule
 - Trash @ BW
- Cleaned the shop/put away tools
- Work w/ Kyle Jensen and Helga Offenburger IDNR, CWD bow hunt @ BW
- 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
- 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
- Work on Annual report
- 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
- Talked w/ Mike Schroeder
 - Ice rescue dog @ LSP
- Clean out trails from BW prairie
 - Honey suckle and autumn olive
 - Ordered and received exhaust fan for bath house
 - To install soon
- 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
- Courthouse moved to Legion
- 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
 - Kenny will not attend due to wife's surgery
- 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
- Work on new budget
 - Turned in rough draft to auditors
- Closed park @ BW
 - For now no campers
- Put up new sign @ MCWA
 - No Driving On Area
- Need dirt from secondary roads
- Talk w/ Larry about hooking up new fan
- Need to roof house and shop discussion
- Discussion on board member qualifications
- Trying to work through unsafe temperatures and drifting snow
- Trying to blade snow
 - Keep stop area and roadway open
 - Using community service worker(40 hours) to shovel, move snow, split and stack wood

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

December 2023

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Bookmarks	21
Humeston Library – Bookmarks	9
Corydon Library – Bookmarks	14
Outreach	
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Seed Dispersal Methods	6
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 January:

1/23-25 - Winterfest

Schools:

1/11 – Seymour – Taxonomy
 1/9 – Magical Beginnings –

Taxonomy

1/9 – Corydon Headstart -

Taxonomy

1/10 – Wayne – Taxonomy
 1/17 – Wayne – Taxonomy
 1/31 – Mormon Trail – Taxonomy

Private:

1/16 – Murphy’s Place – Taxonomy

Public:

1/2 – Seymour Library – Taxonomy
 1/9 – Humeston Library – Taxonomy
 1/16 – Corydon Library – Taxonomy

