

Wayne County Conservation Board
Regular Board Meeting for
March 11, 2024

MINUTES MARCH24

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Tom Rockhold, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom R_X__ Lance_X__ Diane_X__ Mike____ Marty__ Garrett X
__Kenny_X_and Linda Allen__X__

Guest or Public: Savannah Banks Sandy attended the meeting for the Times Republican News Paper and will continue to cover the meetings.

C. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

February minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Schroeder. Motion for second by Lange . Motion Carried. All ayes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION: Work continues with Stacey and Jared from City of Corydon on the playground. Border needs to be added and the zipline hooked up. Worked with Helga, of IDNR on deer bow hunt and harvest. . Emerson Gunzenhauser from Wayne community school came to job shadow on Wednesday, February 28th. He was very interested and surprised at all aspects of job. Banks told him to take other courses than just Conservation even if he changed careers, they would look good on resume.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

F. REPORTS:

1. Director – Kenny Banks; director report: Banks updated Board members on information about safety concerns for campers during stormy weather and the new information coming to parks to help benefit people who might be in a human traffic situation. Banks wants a policy statement guideline to follow before the need for it arises from damage caused by severe weather in the campground. Information to benefit victims of trafficking will be sent out and it will be published in restroom-shower houses. The Board also believes safety training classes will soon be available to teach employee's

and Directors how to be of help. Banks turning on campground power and water this week due to nice weather. Board approved early opening, will gladly take extra income.

2. Assistant Director – Brittany Snow; office/maintenance report
3. Naturalist – Ashleigh Arnold; See attached report to minutes. Ashleigh reported all three hives of honeybee’s survived the winter. Beavers chewed up the cypress trees. Ashleigh found information on how to make walking sticks and hopes to have a class on them available. She reached 692 people in her classes last month. Lange 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. Lange made the second. Motion carried. All ayes.

Claims were submitted for payment. Claims list for month of February was signed by Rockhold, WCCB Chairman.

H OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Pile of dirt dumped in playground needs to be moved before seeding and grinding stumps
- b. Prairie piece will be burned soon since burn ban for Wayne County has been removed.
- c. Cutting Ash Trees @ CLP & BW ends on April 1st. No cutting after camping starts.
- d. Several permit holders have had to stop cutting do to unusually warm weather

I NEW BUSINESS:

1. Work on grants for new bathroom @ CLP continues. Hard to estimate cost due to almost double increase in materials.
2. Will call in water and power service turn on this week.
3. Checking electric pedestals and hydrants @ every park will start
4. Had an uncontrolled burn @ MCWA
 - a. Sheriff’s office didn’t know how it started
 - b. Burned about 3-5 acres. Cut locust trees after fire.
5. Cut shrubs @ BW campground entrance and viaduct on southside, looks nice.
6. Will be installing exhaust fan @ BW bath house: Larry Warren to come and do wiring.
7. Started cutting entrance @ LSP
8. Picked up 3 dead deer from CLP lake & BW lake, all bucks.
Hemorrhagic disease was cause of death.
9. Need dirt to start working on camp pads @ BW: Two sights by entrance will be leveled and extended.
Has been clearing brush at BW entrance, hopes to replace with lilac shrubs .
10. Board approved early opening of parks
11. Hiring back Linda for office back up, Ron for general maintenance and mowing and Vernon for mowing at BW

All eligible to start back on April 1st

J Open Forum Items/Discussion/Notes

1. Banks going to advertise on Facebook and local newspapers for people to be Camp Hosts @ parks. Would like to have more than one for each park so a person can have a weekend off if needed.
2. Lorena Blount Memorial Bench has arrived. Banks waiting to hear from Ross as where the family would like it placed.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lange at 6:37 PM. Abel made the second. Motion Carried. All voted aye.

Linda Allen, WCC Secretary *Linda Allen*

_____ WCC Board Chair Person

Next Regular Meeting April 8, 2024

Dave Olson Schroeder
4-8-24

Claims MARCH 24

Utilities	
Regular Bills	Not common bills
GRM Network	\$132.12
Rathbun Regional	\$59.00
First Interstate Bank	\$21.19
Clarke Electric	\$165.12
Petty Cash	\$15.00
Allerton Lumber	\$6.98
CarQuest of Corydon	\$35.60
Total	\$435.01

Tom Rockhold
WCCB Chairman

Done Olson Schraeder
4-8-24

WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR

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RECEIVED

Office/Maintenance Report

(March 12th, 2024 – April 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
- Spring schedule has started
 - Getting parks cleaned up after winter
 - Ron back to work
- 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
 - All hives made it through winter
- Leveling camp pads @ BW
 - Brush removal started
- 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
 - Grinding stumps @ BW campground
- Cutting hazard trees @ CLP campground
- Attended safety meeting
- Attended department head meeting
- Staff safety meeting – discuss human trafficking training, safety videos, and personal safety equipment
 - Still waiting for more information
- Clean out trails from BW prairie
 - Honey suckle and autumn olive
 - Removed trees covering the trail
- Work on safety inspection sheet
- Started cleaning honeysuckle @ entrance to LSP
- Took names for camp host
- Check all park areas and storage buildings
- Getting ready to start on lagoon @ MG
- Need brakes fixed on big trailer
 - New trailer?
- Fuel wood permits done until November
- Cleaned up trash at MCWA
- Put all mowers back together
 - Maintenance and ready for mowing season
- Cut locust trees from the burned area @ MCWA
- Talk w/ Larry about hooking up new fan
- Need to roof house and shop discussion (grant?)
- Removed trees from roadway at BW (south side) and CLP campground entrance
- Burned timber reserve area by campground
- Split and stacked wood for camping season
- Need to discuss liability for campers during tornados, etc....
 - Safety meeting topic
 - New signs
- Received 2 more exhaust fans
- All parks open
 - Start opening bath houses this week
- Have Secondary Roads blade MCWA boat ramp road
- Start mowing this week plus leaf removal
- Remove honey suckle from east side @ BW campground entrance
 - Till and replant
- Cut brush on south side of the roadside going into LSP campground
- Wayne County is no longer in a burn ban
- Put new part for side cutter on
- Tested all receptacles and hydrants
- New signs for LSP are up
- Received signs for CLP east side
- Look into Amish to make parking stops
- Picture of playground progress

-Kenny Banks, Brittany Snow

WCCB Naturalist Report

March, 2024

Programs	Total
Public Program	
Seymour Library – Food Chain	23
Humeston Library – Food Chain	4
Corydon Library – Food Chain	8
Outreach	
Seymour – Food Chain	132
Corydon Headstart – Food Chain	20
Wayne - Food Chain	330
Magical Beginnings – Food Chain	20
Mormon Trail – Food Chain	146
Private Program	
Murphy’s Place – Food Chain	4
Corydon Specialty Care - Food Chain	8
Total People Reached	695

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. Attended Forestry Day in Monroe County

Coming Up in April:

Schools:

3/7 – Seymour – Pollination

3/27 – Mormon Trail - Pollination

3/12 – Magical Beginnings –
Pollination

Private:

2/19 – Murphy’s Place – Pollination

3/12 – Corydon Headstart -
Pollination

Public:

3/5 – Seymour Library – Pollination

3/13 – Wayne – Pollination

3/12 – Humeston Library – Pollination

3/20 – Wayne – Pollination

3/19 – Corydon Library – Pollination

