

OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

March 9, 2021

The Osceola County Conservation Board met pursuant to the law in the Classroom at Willow Creek County Park, the meeting was also available electronically via Zoom, with the following members present: John Corbett, Ann Byers, and Zach Marco.

Absent: John Schmidt, Jason Otto *tried to join Via Zoom, but experienced technical difficulties

Staff present: Nick Schmalen, Director; Matt Jurgens, Resource Naturalist *via Zoom

Visitors: Jerry Helmers, Supervisor's Liaison

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Ann Byers, Vice-Chairperson.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Corbett, to approve the agenda. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Corbett, to pay the attached claims. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Under the Loof Property Discussion, Director Nicholas Schmalen informed the Board that he had written the letter to the Ocheyedan Fire Department about the Asbestos abatement and that he was told the Fire Department would be planning on burning it down soon. He also informed the Board that he got a quote from Jeppesen Gravel for \$2000.00 to complete the demolition after it had been burned. He was directed to get additional quotes from other contractors. The conversation then shifted to the Demonstration Farm Plan for the South Quarter. Supervisor Jerry Helmers informed the Board about several phone calls he had received in the last week regarding whether or not Conservation Board members Ann Byers and John Schmidt had voted as members of the Osceola County Conservation Board on anything involving the Osceola Soil and Water Conservation District, as John Schmidt is also a commissioner of the Osceola Soil and Water Conservation District. Jerry had some calls into ISAC Legal, as well as Jack Reed to investigate any potential conflict of interest. The Board then looked at the newest draft plan, which will also be discussed at the Osceola SWCD meeting.

Zach Marco informed the Board that not much progress had been made by the Ocheyedan Catfish Club involving a new Ocheyedan sign at the Ocheyedan North "Y".

A motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to approve the amended Administrative Policies. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

The Board looked at aerial photos of Willow Creek County Park and looked at possible avenues in which to expand the park for additional campsites and other park amenities.

A motion was made by Zach Marco, seconded by John Corbett, to advertise and solicit sealed bids for the 2007 Ford F-350 dually pickup with a flatbed. All voted "AYE," motion carried.

Director Nicholas Schmalen submitted the Monthly Schedule.

Under General Board Business, John Corbett informed the Board of a potential partnership with Ashton Town and Country for some new playground equipment at the Ashton Wayside Park.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Corbett, seconded by Zach Marco, to adjourn at 8:36 P.M. All voted "AYE," motion carried.



Nicholas J. Schmalen, Director

John Schmidt, Chairperson