

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting January 8, 2024
Grimes Farm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

President, Steve Armstrong, called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, January 8, 2024 the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were: Pam Paone, Rich Naughton, Steve Armstrong, Tom Deimerly, and Tom Mack. Staff present was Tami Krough, Emily Herring, and Jeremiah Manken.

There were no changes to the agenda.

No public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of December 11, 2023, they were declared approved as presented.

On a motion by Paone, seconded by Mack, the Board approved the list of claims as presented with addendums. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Deimerly moved to approve the FY2025 Budget. Paone seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring requested approval of the purchase of trees for the Mann Wetland at a cost of \$3,097.50 from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Nursery. Naughton moved to approve the purchase of trees for the Mann Wetland. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

The slate of officers for 2024 were decided: Chair – Pam Paone, Vice Chair – Tom Mack and Secretary/Treasurer - Rich Naughton. Deimerly moved to accept the slate of officers for 2024. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring sought approval for the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. Deimerly moved to accept the FY2023 Annual Report. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring requested approval to purchase 2 fishing docks for Arti and Red's Pond at a cost \$30,417.50. Paone moved to approve the purchase of the 2 fishing docks. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to increase the cost of camping at Timmons Grove Campground. Deimerly moved to increase the cost of camping at Timmons Grove Campground from \$18 to \$22/night. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring discussed the geothermal units at the Nature Center. The cost to replace a valve would be \$4,000.00, new compressor \$6,500.00, and new unit \$23,000.00. The current units are 20 years old. Paone moved to replace one geothermal unit at the cost of \$23,000.00. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Naughton, Mack, Armstrong, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Mack moved to adjourn the meeting. Naughton seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Pam Paone, President

~~Rich Naughton, Secretary/Treasurer~~

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