

Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting September 9, 2024
Grimes Farm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

President, Pam Paone, called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were: Rich Naughton, Steve Armstrong, Pam Paone, Tom Deimerly, and Tom Mack. Staff present was Tami Krough, Jeremiah Manken, and Emily Herring. Public present Lucas Wilson from Clapsaddle-Garber Associates, Inc. (CGA).

There are no changes to the agenda.

No public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of August 12, 2024, they were declared approved as presented.

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

Herring requested that the board to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Green Castle Campground Project for plumbing expenditures a gravel pad for the dumpster and a cement pad for the registration kiosk at a cost of \$3,769.84. Armstrong moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Green Castle Campground project. Deimerly seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve pay application #5 in the amount of \$229,006.27 for the Green Castle Campground Project to Weidner Construction. Mack moved to approve pay application #5 for the Green Castle Campground Project to Weidner Construction. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring sought approval for the engineering agreement for phase 2 of the Green Castle Campground. Estimated project cost is \$399,000.00. Deimerly moved to approve the engineering agreement for phase 2 of the Green Castle Campground. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring requested the board approve hydro-excavation for geo-thermal lines at Grimes Farm for the Shade Screens Project for the amphitheater. Cost is \$260/hour and may take 5 to 10 hours to locate the lines. Dave Perkins is paying for the cost of the Shade Screen project. Naughton moved to approve the hydro-excavation work. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve the Nagel Construction Contract for the Shade Screen Project for the amphitheater at Grimes Farm. Total cost of the project is \$104,836.94, which Dave Perkins is paying for the cost of the project. Mack moved to approve the Nagel Construction Contract for the Shade Screen Project for the amphitheater at Grimes Farm. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring suggested that the board charge \$22/night for camping at Green Castle and asked the board to approve the amount. Deimerly moved to approve the rate of \$22/night for camping at Green Castle. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring requested that the board approve the purchase of a kiosk for the registration at the Green Castle Campground. Cost for the kiosk is \$5,033.36. Mack moved to approve the purchase of a kiosk for the Green Castle Campground. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring sought approval for the Conservation Easement with the Interstate Power and Light Company and Magnolia for 459.5 acres of land along the Iowa River Greenbelt. Armstrong moved to approve the Conservation Easement with the Interstate Power and Light Company and Magnolia. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve the purchase of the playground equipment for the Green Castle Campground. The Friends of Marshall County Conservation have raised the funds for the playground equipment. Mack moved to approve the purchase of the playground equipment for the Green Castle Campground. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Paone, Deimerly, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

The board discussed allowing archery deer hunting only in MCCB wildlife refuge areas (Timmons South, Grimes Farm north of Linn Creek, Coppock Park, Grammer Grove, Wickersham West, Stewart Bird Sanctuary, and French Grove). Armstrong made a motion to allow ARCHERY ONLY deer hunting in the following normally designated Marshall County managed wildlife refuges: Coppock Park, Timmons South, Grimes Farm north of Linn Creek, Wickersham West, Stewart Bird Sanctuary, French Grove, and Grammer Grove. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Armstrong, Mack, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring requested the board approve the purchase of trees for the Green Castle Tree planting a cost of \$14,800.00. The trees will be paid for with a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and money provided by the Marshall County Landfill. Naughton moved to approve the purchase of the trees for Green Castle. Mack seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Armstrong, Mack, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Herring asked the board to approve entering into a cooperative agreement with IDNR for the Community Forest Grant for planting trees at the Green Castle Recreation Area. The grant is for \$7,260.50 and the Marshall County Landfill is providing \$7,500.00. Deimerly moved to approve entering into a cooperative agreement with eh IDNR for the Community Forest Grant. Mack seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Paone, Armstrong, Mack, and Deimerly. Motion carried.

Deimerly moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Armstrong seconded. Voting in favor: Paone, Armstrong, Mack, and Deimerly. Motion carried.



Pam Paone, President



Rich Naughton, Secretary/Treasurer