Marshall County Conservation Board
Regular Meeting October 14, 2024
GrimesFarm and Conservation Center.....5:00 p.m.

Vice President, Tom Mack, called the regular meeting of the Marshall County Conservation to order on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the GrimesFarm and Conservation Center at 5:06 p.m. Board members present were: Rich Naughton, Steve Armstrong, and Tom Mack. Staff present were Tami Krough, Jeremiah Manken, and Emily Herring. Board members Pam Paone and Tom Deimerly were absent.

There are no changes to the agenda.

No public comment.

There were no corrections to the minutes of September 9,2024, they were declared approved as presented.

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

Herring asked the board to approve Pay Application #6 for Weidner Construction for the Green Castle campground project. The total cost is $87,735.39 split between Destination Iowa and ARPA. Armstrong moved to approve the payment of Pay Application #6 for Weidner Construction for the Green Castle Campground Project. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring requested approval for the new Conservation Comp Time Policy of:

> Conservation Department only – At the director's discretion, Marshall County Conservation Non-exempt employees shall be able to accrue Compensatory Time at one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime. The maximum compensatory time that an employee may accrue is 80 hours. No more than 40 hours will be carried past February 1st.

Armstrong moved to approve the new Conservation Comp Time Policy. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring sought approval to purchase playground surround for the Green Castle Campground Playground at a cost of $3,805.00 split between Destination Iowa and ARPA. Naughton moved to approve the purchase of the playground surround. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Hering asked the board to approve the Debris Management Plan:

> In wildlife areas, most debris that falls is left, with the exception of debris falling on burn breaks, which is cut into smaller pieces and returned to where the debris originated.
>
> In recreational areas and trails, debris that falls into groomed areas, including but not limited to trails, mowed lawns, roads, and parking areas. This debris is managed depending on the location and quality of the debris. The debris, if possible, is cut into smaller pieces and returned to the timber or source of origin. If there is no place to safely dispose of the debris, the material is moved to an established burn site or chipped and moved to an established wood chip pile.

Naughton moved to approve the Debris Management Plan. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Herring requested to change the spending limit for staff without prior board approval. Armstrong moved to change the spending limit to $4,000 without prior board approval. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed windmill project by a Chicago based company close to Green Castle Recreation Area.

A discussion was held regarding the Klauenberg barn.

Herring asked the board to approve the purchase of a replacement spider web for the Nature Playscape at Grimes Farm at a cost of $3,429.00. Armstrong moved to approve the purchase of the spider web. Naughton seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Mack, Armstrong, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Naughton seconded. Voting in favor: Armstrong, Mack, and Naughton. Motion carried.

Pam Paone

Pam Paone, President

R A Naughton

Rich Naughton, Secretary/Treasurer