

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at Caldwell Park. Board Chair Steve Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Curt Jager, Linda Fox, Chuck Webb and Jennifer Peterson. The members of the staff present were Director Chris Clingan and Naturalist Laura DeCook. Present from the public were Mark Sullivan and Rodney Anderson, both of Friends of Mahaska County Conservation, Brooke Ann Sells, Molly Hicks, and Marlis DeBoef.

Board Chair Dixon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Clingan stated there were no changes. Webb made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Fox seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes for meetings were discussed.

- I. Jager made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2024, regular board meeting with the correction to amend the date on the minutes to Monday, July 15, 2024. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- II. Fox made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2024, special board meeting as presented. Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. Clingan discussed a few items on the expenditures listing.
- II. Webb made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Jager seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider recommendation to hire Molly Hicks as the new Administrative Assistant.

- I. Clingan introduced the board to Molly Hicks who was selected to become the new Administrative Assistant. Hicks introduced herself to the board.
- II. Webb made a motion to approve hiring Molly Hicks as the Administrative Assistant. Fox seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Summerfest planning:

- I. Clingan discussed the success of the Eveland Access Summerfest this last June and would like the board to consider extending the event to a Friday evening and Saturday.
- II. Discussion was held about additional fees at the campground to support the event.
- III. Jager made a motion to approve having the Eveland Access Summerfest event on a Friday night and Saturday. Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about bill from Duncan and Green Law Firm.

- I. Clingan discussed the status of the Duncan and Green Law Firm bill which was received after without consulting directly with the firm. He has also spoken to the county supervisors about the bill except for Supervisor Groenendyk, who was not available.
- II. Tabled to next meeting as Clingan and supervisors continue discussions.

Next meeting date:

- I. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Public comments:

- I. Brooke Ann Sells shared that the vendor fair, silent auction, and potluck was recently held at the Eveland Access Campground. Some money was raised for campground improvements.

Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jager seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Chairman _____

Secretary _____

Date _____

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