

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Caldwell Park. Board Chair Curt Jager called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members of the Board present at the meeting were Linda Fox, Chuck Webb, Steve Dixon and Jennifer Peterson. The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, Admin Assistant Molly Hicks and Naturalist Laura DeCook. Present from the public was Rodney Anderson vice Chairperson of Friends of Mahaska County Conservation.

Board Chair Jager asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Fox. Seconded by Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024, board meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of December 27, 2024, special board meeting. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Expenditures were reviewed.

- I. A few items on the expenditures list were discussed.
- II. Webb made a motion to approve the expenditures. Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rodney Anderson discussed placing a plastic bag collection receptacle behind the ELC.

- I. Dixon made a motion to allow a plastic bag recycling building to be placed behind the ELC. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eveland Access Campground host was discussed.

- I. The campground host agreement was discussed but tabled for approval later.

Purchasing a UTV was discussed.

Placing an observation bee hive in the ELC was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to get more information about the hive. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting date was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to hold the next board meeting on February 24, 2025, at 6 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments given.

Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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