

The Mahaska County Conservation Board (MCCB) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 21, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting). The members of staff present were Director Chris Clingan, and Admin Assistant Molly Hicks.

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

The Minutes were discussed.

- I. Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025, board meeting. Dixon 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.

The closed bid auction was discussed and the bids received were opened.

- I. Fox made a motion to accept the highest bid for each lot. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The rural enrichment expenditures and possible action item of future playscape spending was discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to for the \$20,000. Rural enrichment grant to be used. Fox seconded the motion. Dixon amended the motion to say the first 20,000. will be spent on engineering fees. Fox seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Webb made a motion to use \$27,000 from the McQuiston Trust to be used as needed for the playscape. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Externs were discussed.

- I. Dixon made a motion to hire the two summer externs for \$2,000. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Seasonal workers were discussed.

- I. Fox moved to allow Chris to hire one for \$14.00 an hour. If we get the Musco one, that will be it. If we don't get the Musco one, he can hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> one for up to \$15.00 an hour. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rock for the parks was discussed.

- I. Peterson moved to allow Chris to have a conversation with Secondary Roads to exchange mowing services for rock. Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UTV purchase was discussed.

- I. Fox made a motion to purchase the UTV as proposed. (\$14,663.43 and reimbursed by Mahaska County Pheasants Forever). Seconded by Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be May 19, 2025.

Public comments given.

Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_