

LWCC MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE August 13th, 2020 MEETING Sidie Hollow Park Shelter

Present:

Committee: Will Beitlich-Chair, Kevin Larson-Vice-Chair, Frank Easterday, Rod Ofte, and Kelli Mitchell

Staff: Ben Wojahn, Sarah McDowell, Matt Albright, Nick Gilman, and Mark Erickson

Guests: Mary Henry-County Board, Ben Gald and his children-Landowner, Vern Britt-Landowner

1. Call to Order
Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice of meeting
Wojahn affirmed.
3. Review (amend if needed) and approve minutes from the July 9th, 2020 meeting.
A motion was made by Mitchell to approve the minutes, second by Easterday. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Review and Approve Bills for Payment
A motion was made by Larson to approve the bills for payment, second by Mitchell. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Agency Reports (NRCS, DNR, FSA, RC &D, UW-Ext., any others)
None
6. Audience to Visitors
None
7. Schedule next LWCC meeting(s)
September 10th @ 10:00 a.m. @ Blackhawk Park
October 8th @ 9:30 a.m.
8. Camping Update
McDowell gave an update on the camping revenue and how the parks have been very busy since they opened but we did miss 1.5 months of the season including Memorial Day weekend which is a huge weekend for the campgrounds.
9. Esofea Playground Repairs
Wojahn stated that the Lion's club met him at Esofea and is willing to do the work for free but we would have some expenses for parts. A motion was made to approve \$2,500 to repair and reset by Larson, second by Ofte. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Approval to Purchase Survey Grade GPS
After discussion this item was tabled until next month.
11. Timber Sale Update

Gilman stated that he is going to rebid the Duck Egg Sale and that he will bring the bids back at the next meeting for approval.

12. County Forest 15 Year Plan Update

Gilman stated that he has completed the plan and it is on the website and he will be asking the committee for approval in September.

13. Accounts Manager Report

McDowell gave the balances in all the accounts.

14. Watershed Planning Update

Wojahn stated that they had a meeting in Cashton which was successful. Also Mark and Sarah have been working on finances since 1958 for dams. The 18 month time frame for the grant started about 2 weeks ago and will end around March 2022. Ofte stated that he would be willing to be on the committee for this.

15. Non-Metallic Mining Otto Quarry

Reclamation Plan will have a public hearing for it.

16. Approval to Purchase New Powertrac

The first Powertrac was bought in 1999, next one was bought in 2010, now we are in need of another one. The cost of the new Powertrac is \$52,800. A motion was made to buy a new one but sell the old one by Ofte, second by Larson. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Runge Hollow Dam Easement

Ben Gald stated that he has owned the property for four years and this is the first time he has been asked to move stuff. A decision was made to allow the camper there from April 15-October 15, no driving up and down, he is allowed to mow from center line of dam and up and by the gate.

18. GCS Contract Update

Wojahn stated that Nikki sent them the letter and we haven't heard anything back from them.

19. Reports from Committee Members and Announcements

No announcements were made since we were over on time and Extension Committee was waiting to start.

20. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mitchell, second by Beitlich. All ayes, motion carried.