

The regular meeting of the Page County Conservation Board was held May 11, 2021 at the Board's office beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rebecca Meyer.

Board members present included Rebecca Meyer, Mark Marriott, Holly Martin, Kathy Jordan and Tom Johnson.

Staff present included John Schwab, Terry Broyles and Charly Stevens.

Visitor present was Joyce Kruse.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Johnson, second by Jordan, to approve the May 11, 2021 agenda as presented. All in favor and motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin, second by Jordan, to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2021 as presented. All in favor and motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** The claims for end of month April were reviewed with large expenditures explained by staff. Phone bills for Windstream, Chat Mobility and Century Link of \$261.06 total were normal office expense. Vetter's for \$1,446.85 was to have the dump truck serviced and annual DOT inspection. MidAmerican Energy for electric usage total of \$598.51 which is the normal seasonal usage.

Large claims for mid-month May included Clarinda Regional Health Center - \$366.00 for 3 employee agility and drug tests. Rolling Hills Service - \$537.11 for work on Grasshopper mower for tune up, install beacon safety light, oil change, sharpen/balance blade, clean out under deck and grease unit. Fuels for vehicles included Cardrol - \$405.01, Agriland - \$185.36 and Casey's - \$293.73 - this is normal costs for seasonal change in work load. Clarinda Heating/Cooling @ NVP for \$724.35 for fixing water leak at the shop, replaced hydrant and fixed a hydrant that had a long-term leak at a campsite, Clarinda Heating/Cooling \$329.85 to fix water leaks at the east and west bathrooms at Pioneer, Clarinda Heating/Cooling - \$284.50 for labor and materials to work on security light at the office. Shenandoah Sanitation - \$236.00 for trash service at Pioneer, Pierce and Rapp Parks, Agriland LP fuel - \$131.60 monthly budget billing for the office and Southwest Regional Water for \$509.00 for rural water at all parks; this includes a rate increase and seasonal change in usage.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Jordan, second by Marriott to approve the end of month claims for April and the mid-month May claims. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business included review projects at Rapp Park review bids on road repairs.

A review of the projects at Rapp included the completion of the bathroom utilizing some REAP funds for concrete there and at the storm shelter. Road repairs were discussed and will have to wait until next fiscal year.

Monies to be received for projects; \$4,000 from the DNR for boat dock payment, \$10,000 from Rapp Foundation (upon completion of bathroom) cannot be amended into the current budget because of timing issues. The budget amendment is usually done by mid-May; however, can be amended into next fiscal year's budget. A review of the pending projects within the budget will be utilizing the \$7,000 from REAP for concrete work at the bathroom and storm shelter. The garage door at Nodaway needs replaced (as discussed and approved at the April 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting), that payment will clear out the line item at NVP or we'll use monies from other line items. The projects that are in production will be paid this fiscal.

The water is currently off at Rapp due to the backflow preventer which is worn out. Jones Mechanical submitted two estimates; \$3,250.00 will install a new 3-inch backflow preventer and get the water back on. 2<sup>nd</sup> quote of \$3,795.73 would install a 3-inch pressure reducing valve upstream of the backflow preventer. A discussion was held with the Shenandoah water department on the backflow preventer issue, they said a valve costing \$100-200 had been used with no issues that had been installed in Shenandoah.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Marriott, second by Jordan, to approve and proceed with the quote of \$3,250 from Jones Mechanical with the addition of that other piece and forego the 3-inch reducing valve. All in favor and motion carried.

A bid review for road repair then proceeded. Blacktop Company said it would cost ½ million to basically re-do the whole road system and therefore it did not feel they wanted to "band-aid" the roads. Trent Tiemeyer bid of \$67,500.00, Andy Davison's bid of \$27,000.00. The work would consist of 1.8 to 2 miles of road, 2-inch rock and 20 ft. wide. There are 3 areas that need to be busted up/smooth out potholes, scarify/level out and lay down the rock. Marriott suggested that it needs to be rolled and packed and see if the contractor would have the possibility of adding in sheepsfoot equipment. Other suggestions included renting tractor/box blade. A discussion could be held with the City of Shenandoah on equipment and visit with Board of Supervisors regarding the contract work with Secondary Roads. As it stands, work can't begin until July with the new fiscal budget. John will contact the bidders and let them know.

Old Business included concerns at Pierce Creek equestrian area. Joyce asked if there was tree damage.; (John said no). The water hoses that were taken off needs replaced; John indicated that he replaced them. She would like to have a work day around the campground and obstacle course, her and John will discuss a plan. Joyce would like to plan a poker ride; right now, she doesn't have a scheduled date. Joyce inquired into the primitive water rates; as it stands now, the fees are \$10 if no horses and \$12 if horses, this is an increase from \$6.00. Discussion on why the increase in the horse area only, John said that none of the primitive areas at NVP, PP, PC or Rapp has water. Joyce also brought up that there was "No Horse Trailers" signage at the boat ramp and down by the maintenance building and the difficulty of turning a trailer around, consensus was that signage would be added. Picnic tables – John said there were 9 tables at the equestrian area., five of which are in the electric area, overall, we have a shortage of picnic tables.

What about a security light at the primitive area? The answer was no but would consider solar lights since there are some poles available. The project will be put on the to-do list.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair called for an adjournment.

**MOTION:** A motion was entered by Martin, second by Jordan to adjourn. All in favor and motion carried. The meeting then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED: 6/8/2021

Chair



Secretary

