

# Franklin County Conservation Board

## Monthly Meeting Minutes of

### April 17, 2017

**Board Members present:** Brian Tegtmeyer, Tony Stadtlander, Jon Petersen, Sandy Eckhardt

**Board Members absent:** Bruce Harris

**Staff Members present:** Ned Parker, Brody Bertram

**Guests present:** Mike Nolte, Chad Uhlenhopp

**Meeting called to order:** 6:35 p.m. @ Conservation Department Office

**Public Participation:** Chad Uhlenhopp

#### **Review & Approve Minutes:**

Sandy moved to approve the amended minutes of the November 2016 meeting & the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motions passed.

**Appointments:** 6:30 Chad Uhlenhopp presented the “goat-grazing” experiment. The Conservation staff has purchased electric fencing using Community Grant dollars to control Mr. Uhlenhopp’s goats in hopes of the goats grazing on the weeds and brush (in particular, honeysuckle) in our parks. Mayne’s Grove will be the first target, as access is fairly easy there. Chad will provide 5-6 goats & Conservation staff will provide water & “food” for the goats for the this timber management project. Staff will install trail cameras to monitor other activity. Tony moved to hire Chad & his goats, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **1) Robinson Addition demolition & asbestos removal & campground update:**

Bergo Environmental will remove asbestos - more asbestos was found under the plywood & under the tile beneath the linoleum in the house & in the tar on the flat roof of the cottage. They will charge an additional \$800, bringing the total to \$4200.

Electrical update @ North campground - trenching is complete for 12 sites. Will include 20, 30 & 50 amp service.

#### **New Business:**

##### **1) Review/approve goat grazing contract: (Approved earlier in meeting.)**

##### **2) Review bids for purchase of tractor, box scraper, fire rings:**

Tractor: Brian moved to accept bid from Phelps for JD tractor w/loader, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

Box scraper: To be used for driveways & boat ramp. Brian moved to accept bid for 10' Westendorf scraper from Howie Implement, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

Fire rings: Will purchase 16 @ \$191.90 each & \$134 freight - 12 for Robinson Park & 4 for the new gravel pads @ Mallory Park. Brian moved to accept bid for 16 fire rings from Pilot Rock in Cherokee, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

- 3) **Review quotes for lodge staining:** Received 3 bids to stain Maynes Grove lodge. Brian moved to accept Jeff Johnson's bid of \$1440 to do staining & sealing of the lodge, shelter & dumpster enclosure, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.
- 4) **Consider agreement with Fair Board to obtain fair booth for 2017:** Fair Board has proposed our staff mow a portion of the fair grounds in exchange for a Conservation booth at this years' fair. The Fair Board will come up with a written contract & we will review when it's completed.
- 5) **Consider change in Fire Management policy:** Ned suggested amending our Fire policy, changing 3 sections, to make it easier for staff to qualify as Fire Management Personnel. Our policy is based on Federal Fish & Wildlife agencies policies & really doesn't need to be so strict. Brian moved to follow Ned's proposal & delete some of the requirements, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.
- 6) **Consider allocating county REAP Funds towards the REAP grant for O'Donnell fen:** We need to show more interest in obtaining the fen. Considering allocating funds from the REAP account to show we are serious. Will still apply for a REAP grant, but our chances of getting one may be increased if we show there is support from other entities & if we are willing to use some of our own funds & if we request less money in the grant application. The assessed value of the property is \$133,000. To date, pledges have been made from Floyd & Butler County Pheasants Forever (\$5000 from each chapter) \$25,000 from Franklin County PF & possibly a State match from PF. Brian moved we allocate \$25,000 from our REAP fund towards the fen acquisition, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.
- 7) **Discuss options for county recycling facilities:** There has been a noticeable increase in illegal dumping in the recycling bins the Conservation Department manages near the shop in Hampton. These are paid for by the rural residents (through taxes) and are meant for them only. Suggestion was made to buy our own bins & move them out of Hampton.
- 8) **Consider request from Travis Pralle to replace drainage tile into Spring Creek:** Approved Travis' request to replace tile - this is NOT within a drainage district & is private tile. He will replace at his own cost.
- 9) **Approve bills:** Brian moved to pay bills, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

**Any other new business:**

**Tile near Popejoy:** The tile that was installed by a landowner through Conservation land into the creek has been installed correctly, including armoring the bank all the way to the creek so no erosion should occur. No reimbursement for trees that were cut down, as they were not on County land.

**Camping pads @ Mallory Park:** Gravel pads have been put down for Mallory Park RV campers.

**Middle School Prairie:** Staff has re-seeded the prairie @ the Hampton Middle School. The Conservation Department received free seed through the IRVM program with enough to re-seed 8 acres. Brody also spent time with the kids, teaching them about the prairie.

**Hunter Ed Field Day:** Scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The guys are trying to get Hunter Ed introduced into the schools.

**Waste Collection Day:** Another Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton Municipal Airport. Anyone interested in assisting the Conservation Staff Members is invited to join in.

**Adjourn:** Sandy moved to adjourn, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**Next meeting date will be  
May 15, 2017  
@ the Franklin County Conservation Department Office**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Eckhardt  
Sandy Eckhardt, Franklin County Conservation Board Secretary